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KING PETER'S VISIT

PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. CHURCHILL IN THANET

Thanet was honoured on Friday by a visit from young King Peter of Yugoslavia, who accompanied the Prime Minister and Mrs. Winston Churchill on a tour of inspection of the coastal defences on the south-east coast.

At Ramsgate, King Peter, wearing Air Force uniform, took the salute outside the station and inspected a smart guard of honour formed by a famous infantry regiment which fought in Belgium and was at Dunkirk.

When the party drove off, King Peter was accompanied in an Army tender by Mrs. Churchill.

The Prime Minister, dressed in a light summer suit and black hat, was in cheerful mood. As he entered a car, lighting the inevitable cigar, he paused to wave his walking stick in response to the cheers of the women railway carriage cleaners and workmen who gathered round and shouted "Good old Winnie."

While touring the coast the party stood for some time looking across the Straits of Dover but a heat haze hovering over a calm sea prevented a view of the enemy-occupied cliffs of France.

In a clear sky there was no sign of Nazi air activity.

HOLE IN THE ROOF

AN EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE HIT

Although only a few enemy aircraft flew over this country on Sunday night, three were destroyed.

Bombs released by a solitary raider as he was being chased out to sea by British fighters fell on a south-east coast town but caused no casualties.

The only damage sustained was a hole in the roof of the Employment Exchange.

The other bombs fell in gardens.

POLICE LOUD SPEAKER

In accordance with a direction from the Home Office a mobile loud speaker is being added to the equipment of Margate Borough Police Force.

A suitable van is being purchased for £125 and the necessary equipment is being obtained from Mr. T. Joyce for £64.

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CHANGED HIS NAME TO AVOID A SCANDAL

YOUNG MAN'S APPEAL FAILS

A young man who said he assumed the name of the married woman with whom he was living to avoid a scandal appealed unsuccessfully at Margate Quarter Sessions on Friday against two sentences passed on him by the borough magistrates.

Clarence Arnold Frederick Eames, 23, pipe-layer, had been sentenced to one month's imprisonment for assuming a name other than that by which he was ordinarily known, contrary to the Defence Regulations, 1939, and to two months' imprisonment for making a false statement for the purpose of obtaining a motor driving license while disqualified from holding one.

Eames was represented by Miss D. K. Dix.

Mr. A. L. Stevenson, for the police, explained that Eames was arrested on 4th May by W/R/C Baldock, of Birchington, who saw him jump from a moving train. He produced an identity card bearing the name of Edwin Mellor, Elm-terrace, St. Thomas'-hill, Canterbury, but was recognised by D/I Cory at the police station as Clarence Eames. He was also recognised by P/C Tawse as the man who, when stopped in a motor car on 26th March, gave the name of Charles Ward, of Canterbury, and later produced to the Canterbury police a provisional driving license issued in that name. Eames had been disqualified on 4th January, 1939, from holding a license for two years.

D/I Cory said Eames, a single man, came to Margate as a boy and attended school in the town. While employed by a Broadstairs builder he learned the trade of pipe-laying, and afterwards worked mainly on his own as a sub-contractor. Since the war he had been engaged on Government work at Dover and Ashford. According to his own statement, he was now employed by a Bromley firm of contractors who were doing first-aid repair work to bombed houses.

Eames came under the notice of the police as a boy for petty offences, and had since been before the court five times for motoring offences. They included two cases of taking cars without the consent of the owners. For one of those he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment on 5th January, 1939.

Boyish Pranks.

"He is quite a good worker," said Inspr. Cory, "and there do not appear to be any criminal tendencies in him at all. Apart from motoring offences and boyish pranks his character is quite good. He is one of a large family of very respectable people. It was due to the fact that he is one of so many that when younger he did not have the supervision from his parents he might had there been fewer in family.

"I don't think there is anything criminally wrong with him. He gets a little bit swollen-headed now and again and anxious to get on quicker than he does," added the inspector.

In reply to Mr. Stevenson, witness said Eames was associating with a woman named Mellor and took her name with the idea of escaping military service.

Questioned by Miss Dix, witness said he believed Eames had been living with the woman Mellor for some two years. He had been working at army camps, but witness did not know whether his occupation was reserved.

Miss Dix said there was an explanation of both offences, which was not given at the police court, and she hoped that when the Recorder had heard it he would be able to take a more lenient view.

The whole story was rather linked up with his domestic relations. For some two years he had been living with a married woman named Mellor. He was anxious to marry her, and it might become possible to do so shortly. They had one child. In August, 1939, he was engaged on Government work at Gillingham and lived with Mrs. Mellor in furnished rooms. When it became necessary for everyone to register he registered in the name of Mellor in order to avoid a scandal. He did not know at that time that the registration was for the purpose of obtaining an identity card. He was anxious that the people with whom they were living should not turn them out of the house, which he thought would be the case if it was known that they were not husband and wife.

A Woman's Good Name.

That was the start of the trouble, which rather led him on the downward path. Eames admitted that he said it was done to avoid military service, but now said that was not a true explanation. He gave it in the hope that his domestic position would not be discovered. His parents were living in the neighbourhood and he was anxious that their good name should not be sullied in any way, and also to preserve the good name of the woman with whom he was living. It was, of course, a very foolish course to adopt.

In regard to the driving license, Miss Dix said Eames' work at Gillingham had been completed and he was engaged at Whitfield, near Dover. He lived at Canterbury and with other men had to travel to Whitfield every day. Transport was difficult and there was a shortage of drivers. He was approached by his employer as to whether he could drive, and he foolishly omitted to say he was disqualified from holding a license. He made an application for a license in a wrong name. He realised now that it was a serious offence, but at the time he thought the means

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NIGHT RAID VICTIMS

SHOPS AND HOUSES DAMAGED

A small number of people were killed and others injured during two raids on a south-east coast town on Monday night. In the first raid about 30 bombs were dropped in a narrow business thoroughfare, causing considerable damage to property.

Mr. John George Yeomans, an elderly barber, Miss Hawkins, proprietress of a newspaper and stationery shop, and Mrs. V. Brown, proprietress of a small sweet shop, were killed.

Mr. Yeomans' son and daughter-in-law, who were in the house with him, were slightly injured.

A remarkable escape was experienced by Miss Edwards, a young assistant, who was sleeping in company with Miss Hawkins. After the bomb had dropped, demolishing part of the premises, she stepped out of the bedroom window and climbed down over the debris into the street. She was only slightly injured.

Mrs. Brown was sleeping at her shop for the first time for some time past.

Bombs were also dropped in a field about 200 yards from a hospital, and a bomb fell through the roof of a large concert hall.

In a second raid some hours later a plane circled the town and bombs were dropped in a working-class neighbourhood. One of them fell close to the entrance to a dug-out and another fell near the emergency exit. There were eight people in the shelter. They all escaped through an exit at the opposite end. One of the occupants of the shelter was injured.

Near the dug-out four houses which had been scheduled for demolition and were empty were destroyed.

Bombs also fell in the sea.

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justified the end. His one idea at the time was to facilitate the means of getting to work and not delaying the work on which the men were engaged.

"He has served 15 days of his sentence" said counsel "and it may be that you will think that has been a sufficient lesson to him in regard to these offences."

He was now employed by a firm of builders at Bromley, who, counsel understood, had written to the court.

Miss Dix hoped the Recorder would see his way to substitute a fine or impose a shorter term of imprisonment which, in effect, would have already been served.

The Recorder (Mr. R. A. Gordon, K.C.): This young man knew that if he applied for a license in his own name he would not have got it?

Miss Dix: Yes. He knew that and says he did it entirely to help his employer get on with the job in hand.

In regard to the false name, Miss Dix pointed out that applicant assumed the name before there was any question of registering for military service. Having started like that he did not want it to become known that he and the woman were not married.

A Hunted Life.

"He was really living a rather hunted life, because he was known in this neighbourhood as Eames, and not Mellor," added counsel.

The Recorder (to Mr. Stevenson): Miss Dix says that he was ordinarily known as Mellor before the Defence Regulations came into force.

Mr. Stevenson: I submit it is not open to her to say that because he has pleaded guilty and has always been known as Clarence Eames.

Miss Dix: I am not putting that forward as defence. Before the war he was known in two names—in Gillingham as Mellor and in this neighbourhood as Eames. It is a point in mitigation that he was using the name of Mellor at Gillingham. He was not doing anything shady, but made a foolish error in the interests of the woman and child.

Mr. Stevenson remarked that Eames did not apply for a ration card.

The Rev. D. V. Beckingham, Vicar of Margate, called by Miss Dix, said that with a little guidance it was hoped that Eames would go straight.

Miss Dix: You cannot put it higher than that?

The Vicar: I think from the interviews I have had with him he realises the stupidity of what he has done, and given a further chance would benefit from it.

Mr. Stevenson pointed out that the license offence was committed on 9th February, 1940, and that Eames was not brought before the Justices until May, 1941. As more than six months had elapsed it might seem that the magistrates had no jurisdiction to consider the offence, but Eames pleaded guilty, and the appeal was only against the sentence.

The Recorder said he did not think that matter need affect him. Eames could have appealed on that ground or have lodged a preliminary objection.

The appeal in regard to each sentence was dismissed.

SCENE AT INN

SYPHON THROWN AT LANDLORD'S WIFE

A miner who threw a soda water syphon and a water bottle at the wife of a licensee because she refused to serve him was summoned for assault at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Jack Robinson, of West Cliff-road, was summoned for assaulting Mrs. Enid Helen Venner, wife of Mr. Norman Venner, licensee of the Hertford Inn, Hertford-street, on the evening of 30th June.

Robinson wrote to the court asking to be excused attendance as he was engaged on work of national importance. He pleaded guilty to the charge but added that he did not know what he was doing.

"I had no intention of being disorderly. I must admit I was the worse for drink. I was celebrating my birthday. I wish to express my regrets to Mr. and Mrs. Venner, both of whom have known me for some considerable time," he wrote.

Mr. J. H. Robinson, who prosecuted, said Mr. and Mrs. Venner had been at the Hertford Inn for the past two and a half years and defendant was a fairly regular customer. There had been no disturbances at the inn since they had been there, and in fact there had been no disturbance there for the past 30 or 40 years.

Reeled Into Bar.

About 8 o'clock on the evening of 30th June Mr. Venner was out and Mrs. Venner was serving in the bar. Robinson came into the saloon bar obviously the worse for drink. He reeled into the bar. He was accompanied by a smaller man. Mrs. Venner could see he was drunk. Robinson called for two pints of beer and she said "You are not getting any beer here to-night." He demanded to know why. She told him he had had enough and had better be a good boy and go home. He continued to demand to be served, and hoping to get rid of him Mrs. Venner ignored him.

Continuing, Mr. Robinson said defendant used the most filthy and disgusting language it was possible for anyone to use. A soldier who was in court as a witness said he had never in his life heard such language used in the presence of a woman. Mrs. Venner still took no notice and Robinson then picked up a syphon and threw it at Mrs. Venner. Luckily it did not explode. The syphon missed Mrs. Venner, struck a cabinet at the back of the bar and fell to the ground. The inner glass tube of the syphon was smashed. He understood syphons were filled under pressure and were extremely dangerous weapons. Robinson then picked up a water bottle from the counter and threw it at Mrs. Venner. This missed her and smashed on the floor.

Thrown Out by Soldiers.

While this was happening, said Mr. Robinson, three soldiers were in the public bar. One of them ran round to the saloon bar and got hold of Robinson. Another went to the assistance of Mrs. Venner, who was almost in a fainting condition. He handed her over to one of the women customers, and then, going round to the saloon bar, assisted in throwing Robinson out into the street.

In evidence Mrs. Venner said the syphon thrown by Robinson struck her foot. In addition to the water bottle several glasses were broken.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said nothing was known against defendant.

In reply to the chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry), Mr. Robinson said he understood defendant was a miner, and came from Durham.

Announcing that defendant would be fined £3, and would have to pay £2 2s. costs, the chairman said it was the duty of licensees to refuse to serve customers who were obviously intoxicated. The bench expected licensees to carry out their duty and they had to be protected.

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GRANDMOTHER FOUND DEAD

A 15-year-old Ramsgate girl found her grandmother dead in bed on Friday.

The girl, Jean Walton, visited the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Ada Martha Price, aged 67, who lived alone at No. 3 Newington-road. When she received no reply to her knocking she entered the house, and going to her grandmother's bedroom, found her lying dead in bed.

As death was due to natural causes the Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) decided an inquest was unnecessary.

WHO'LL BE FIRST ON IT?

Margate Watch Committee have agreed that the Chief Constable should be allowed to obtain a new carpet for his office.

ANOTHER RAMSGATE BOY DROWNED

UTTOXETER COUNCIL'S LETTER TO PARENTS

Another Ramsgate evacuee to Staffordshire has lost his life by drowning.

He is Leonard Blakemore, aged 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Blakemore, of Nixon-avenue, Ramsgate. A pupil of Chatham House School, he was evacuated to Uttoxeter.

Blakemore, who could swim only a few strokes, went bathing in the Tean Brook. He got out of his depth and was unable to reach the bank. The body was recovered in a short time by a 17-year-old Uttoxeter boy and artificial respiration was carried on for some time without effect.

Mr. and Mrs. Blakemore have received the following letter from Mr. A. J. Fryer, chairman of the Uttoxeter Urban District Council:

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Blakemore,—It is with the deepest regret that I learned of the accident to your son Leonard last evening. The townspeople of Uttoxeter have always endeavoured to make these little visitors welcome and happy and to make them feel that in Uttoxeter they have, indeed, found a 'second home.' May I, on behalf of my fellow councillors and all the townspeople of Uttoxeter, express to you our heartfelt sympathy in your sad loss. Your grief is shared by everyone."

Blakemore, who has a younger brother at Mayfield, went to Dame Janet School before winning a scholarship to Chatham House.

The funeral at Uttoxeter on Saturday, which was attended by boys from Chatham House, was preceded by a service at the parish church.

Swam Half Way Across.

A verdict of "accidental death" was returned at the inquest held by the North East Staffs Coroner (Mr. S. A. H. Burne) on Friday.

Twelve year old Peter James Geard, of Uttoxeter, said he accompanied Blakemore to the brook and watched him undress and get into the water. He told Blakemore to cross the dam, and that he would there find shallower water. He understood his companion could swim a little. Blakemore started swimming after giving himself a push off and swam half-way across. Then he started sinking and coming up again. He went down and came up again four or five times and all the time he was gradually nearing the shallow water.

The Coroner: It was only 15 feet across—he could not have swum very much.

Witness said he ran for assistance and when he returned he saw Blakemore turn over on his side and begin spluttering.

Herbert Adams, of Uttoxeter, said he was going to the field for a bathe when the previous witness shouted to him that someone was drowning. He saw Blakemore lying on his side, floating. Witness dived into the brook but the boy had gone under before he reached him.

Leslie John Ward, aged 17, of Uttoxeter, who also dived to the rescue said he found the boy at the bottom of the pool at a depth of about seven feet. With the assistance of Adams he got him out.

The Coroner: Was it safe to bathe there?

Witness: There are no currents or anything.

Dr. J. R. Oddie said when he arrived artificial respiration was being carried out by police and first-aid men. This was persisted in until it was hopeless to carry on. Death was caused by asphyxia, due to drowning.

First Visit to Brook.

P/S H. Massey said the scene of the tragedy was not a public bathing place but it had been frequented a good deal during the hot weather.

Mrs. G. Smith, with whom the boy was billeted, said she did not think he had been to the brook before since he had been with her. She did not know if he had been bathing anywhere else before going to her home. On the Wednesday evening she understood he was going paddling and lent him a bathing costume.

The father of the boy, Mr. Clarence Blakemore, said his son was 13 in March this year.

The Coroner: I thought all the Ramsgate boys could swim.

Witness: I would never let him go down to the sea unless he was accompanied by someone who could look after him.

Tempted by Hot Weather.

The Coroner said he was afraid anything he could say would not be of much comfort to the bereaved parents, but he could say that every single summer during hot weather—and he had been a Coroner for at least 20 years—he got a case of this sort. Boys were tempted by the hot weather, sometimes encouraged by other boys, to go into the water and they lost their lives—in some cases in places where one would think it was hardly possible they could get into difficulties. In this case the boy might suddenly have got out of his depth.

The Coroner added that the father would have the satisfaction of knowing that both Ward and Adams had done everything they could to try and get the boy out.

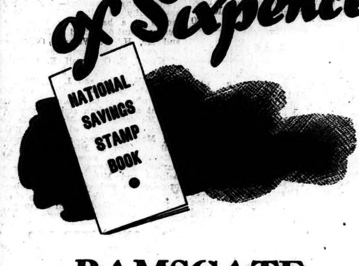
Father's Thanks.

Mr. Blakemore: Yes, I should like to express grateful appreciation to the police, those who attempted to rescue and revive him, to the people where he was staying and to everyone who has shown such kindness and sympathy to us. I have had a nice letter from the Urban Council.

Police Superintendent S. Vodrey also expressed sympathy with the parents and endorsed the commendation of the good work performed by Adams and Ward.

The Rev. B. V. F. Brackenbury, headmaster of Chatham House School, expressed the sympathy of the boys, the staff and also of the County Education Committee with the parents.

Sing a Song of Sixpence



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Wing/Cmdr. Butler, an old boy of St. Lawrence College, is 25 years of age.

VICAR'S SALARY

A report of an extraordinary meeting of St. Peter's parishioners last night at which a resolution was passed on the subject of the Vicar's salary will appear in our next issue.

The Vicar is serving in H.M. Forces and it was stated that his present income totalled £1,300, out of which he paid £200 towards the salary of the priest in charge.

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AIR FORCE RECRUITING

To facilitate enlistment by local men who want to join the R.A.F. and women candidates for the W.A.A.F., an officer will attend at Ramsgate Town Hall to-morrow from 2.30 to 5 p.m. to advise applicants.

Women who contemplate joining the W.A.A.F. will be reassured to learn that there are now 22 women doctors attached to the R.A.F. Medical Service. Part of their job is the medical examination of the large numbers of candidates now entering the service in response to recent appeals for young women for radiolocation duties and as clerks and shorthand-typists.

During the hot weather some relaxation of the rules about wearing uniform are being allowed. Station commanders may, at their discretion, allow W.A.A.F. personnel to remove jackets while at work. Off duty a similar relaxation is allowed; but as strictly an airwoman or W.A.A.F. officer would be "improperly dressed," they must not appear in towns or populous places in shirt sleeves.

THANET'S SMART HOME GUARD

Members of the Thanet companies of the Home Guard were warmly congratulated by Major-General Horrocks on their efficiency and smartness when he inspected them last week.

Accompanied by Brigadier Hughes, D.S.O., and Lieut.-Col. C. S. F. Witts, who commands the Thanet battalion, Major-General Horrocks first inspected the Birchington detachment, which paraded under Major E. L. Hunter.

At Margate, where the company was under the command of Capt. A. C. Hatfeild, he was received by a guard of honour, under Lieut. R. B. Douglass, and a demonstration was given under the direction of Lieut. W. T. Jarman.

The inspecting officer afterwards visited the Ramsgate company, which paraded under Capt. F. Wale, and gave a demonstration in conjunction with the Broadstairs detachment.

At each town where he addressed the men Major-General Horrocks said he was sincerely impressed by the smartness of their turn-out and the efficiency of their training.

A DEBATE ON DEATH

Minster Parish Council on Tuesday debated whether patients of the Thanet Institution who died at Bridge, to which institution they had been evacuated, had the right to be buried at Minster.

Councillor G. J. Terry said that according to the law they should be buried in the parish where they died. If they were all to be brought back to Minster for burial the cemetery would be full in no time. Patients from Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs should be returned to their respective towns for burial.

It was agreed that only Minster residents at the Institution could be buried at Minster Cemetery at the usual fees and that in all other cases double fees would have to be paid.

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SPLENDID PEOPLE

LADY CARSON'S TRIBUTE TO RAMSGATE

Opening the church garden fete, held at St. George's Vicarage, Grove-road, Ramsgate, on Thursday, Lady Carson, who lives at Cleve, near Minster, paid tribute to the spirit of the townspeople.

"I think you are all grand people in Ramsgate" she said. "The way you are sticking it out is perfectly splendid. It is not only that you have had to put up with bombs, noise and shattered homes but you have also had to suffer loss of trade and business and seen your hope of laying aside a nest egg disappear. That, in its way, is as bad as anything else. But, as nothing would be any good if Hitler came there, we just have to pay up, look pleasant and keep going, and you do it splendidly in Ramsgate."

The Mayor, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, thanking Lady Carson, said "The only way to win this war is by pulling together. Always be prepared to say a kind word about the other fellow. Don't always be prepared to judge. Sometimes you don't know the circumstances. Let us all try to be kind to each other—that is the Christian way. Cut out evil tongues—unfortunately some people let them wag very eloquently, but life is too short for that. Let us wish each other good luck."

Mr. C. S. Holthouse seconded the vote of thanks and Lady Carson was presented with a bouquet by the Vicar, Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, who explained that the fete was in aid of parish funds and the work of the church overseas.

The many attractions included the opportunity of hitting Hitler in the mouth at a ha'penny a time and a treasure hunt organised by Mr. S. Dadds and Mr. H. W. Waters. Other competitions and sideshows were in charge of Messrs. E. G. Firrell, E. A. Knight, C. S. Holthouse, F. S. Wraight, J. Cullen, V. Gilby and J. M. West.

A wide range of articles requiring no coupons was on sale at the Mayor's ancient and modern stall in charge of the Mayoress and Mrs. Peete, the general store conducted by Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Holthouse and the treasure stall provided by Miss Arthur.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Apps, Miss Spinner and helpers and Miss Hallum was again prepared to embroider any number of signatures pencilled on a table cloth.

The fete concluded with a dance.

CHORISTER AND LEGIONNAIRE

DEATH OF MR. J. HARRISON

One of the first members of the British Legion in Ramsgate and a member of St. George's Church choir for 21 years, Mr. Joshua (Jack) Harrison, formerly of Underlea, Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, passed away in his native town of Blackburn last week, aged 57 years.

Born in 1883, Mr. Harrison married Miss Mary Nettleton, of Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, Yorkshire, in 1913, and in 1916 came to Ramsgate, where he established the business of the Thanet Window Cleaning Co.

Serving with the Sussex Yeomanry and later the Northumberland Fusiliers in the last war, Mr. Harrison was seriously wounded and taken prisoner in France in May, 1918. Leaving the Army at the end of the following year, he returned to Ramsgate to re-open his business.

A keen chorister and a man of genial disposition, Mr. Harrison was attached to the choir of St. George's Parish Church for 21 years and for many years he was also a member of the old Ramsgate Glee Party and Mr. P. V. Henniker's Choral Society.

One of the first members of the Ramsgate branch of the British Legion, he served on the committee and was also a member of the Social Club. At one time he took an active interest in the work of the R.A.O.B.

When Ramsgate A.R.P. services were organised for the present war Mr. Harrison volunteered and remained a member until he left in August to reside in his native town. He had been seriously ill for the past three months.

Mr. Harrison is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter, who is the wife of Wing-Cmdr. V. Butler, R.A.F.

A Union Jack covered the coffin when the funeral took place at Carleton Crematorium, Blackpool, on Thursday.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. T. Evans (Vicar of St. Mark's, Layton), and the ashes were later scattered on the Garden of Rest.

KILLED NEAR DUNKIRK

RAMSGATE PARENTS' LOSS

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Church, of Margate-road, Ramsgate, have now been officially informed that their son, Pte. Victor Thomas Church, who was posted as missing in June, 1940, lost his life near Dunkirk during the evacuation of the B.E.F.

The last letter the parents received from their son arrived on 16th May last year and since that time no definite news concerning him had come to hand till the communication referred to above.

Pte. Church received his education at Manston School and prior to joining The Buffs, he was with Vye's in one of their branch shops.

Mr. Church's daughter is in Singapore, her husband being in the R.A.F. there, while his elder son is in the Royal Engineers somewhere in Hampshire. Thus all members of the family were closely bound up with the services and the breach made by the death of Victor Church is regretted by all those in close touch with the parents, who have received a message of sympathy from the King in their loss.

MARGATE AIRMAN MISSING

Eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Davis, of Trinity-square, Margate, and nephew of Chief Officer A. E. Twyman, of Margate Fire Brigade, Sergt. William A. J. Davis, R.A.F., aged 20, is reported missing. He was wireless operator and gunner on a bomber which failed to return from an operational flight.

An old boy of Holy Trinity and Central Schools, Sergt. Davis was afterwards employed at a local printing works.

A member of Margate Ambulance Corps and Holy Trinity Church choir, Sergt. Davis joined the R.A.F. a year ago and was home on leave three weeks ago.

MAJOR AND N.C.O. FINED

For driving cars into a defence area without permits, a major and a lance-corporal were summoned at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Major Frank Keeping was fined £1. L/Corpl. Hubert V. T. Mitchell was fined 10s.

A GROWING TENDENCY

LOCAL COUNCILS' DWINDLING POWER

The tendency for administrative power to be removed from the hands of local authorities and vested in the hands of authorities responsible for a wider area was condemned by Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel at the July meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

Councillor Harcourt Samuel referred to a paragraph in the report of the A.R.P. Committee which stated that a letter was received from the Association of Municipal Corporations drawing attention to a reference made by the Home Secretary in the House of Commons to an article in a national newspaper suggesting that civil defence powers should be concentrated on one responsible unit instead of being dispersed among local authorities as at present.

The committee authorised the Town Clerk to place their views on the subject before the Member of Parliament for the Division.

Councillor Harcourt Samuel said some of them felt that particularly in war time there was something to be said for control being spread over a wider area but there was a great deal to be said against it. What did Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells know about the conditions in Ramsgate?

The chairman of the A.R.P. Committee (Councillor A. R. Young) read a copy of the letter sent to Capt. Balfour in which it was pointed out that their case for civil defence powers being retained by local authorities was based on the grounds of efficient service and not on sentiment. "The committee's experience of detailed administration controlled from a distance," stated the letter, "is that it is cumbersome and slow of action, especially in an emergency, as compared with administration under local control."

In his reply, Capt. Balfour said that to his knowledge there was no intention to relieve local authorities of their responsibilities in the matter.

PROMPT FIRST AID

APPRECIATED AT RAMSGATE

Appreciation of the prompt manner in which first aid repairs were carried out following a recent raid was expressed by Councillor W. Hawkins at the July meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

The report of the A.R.P. Committee stated that the Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) reported a recent visit by the Regional Emergency Works Officer who had expressed complete satisfaction at the arrangements operating in the borough for the recording of damage and the execution of first aid repairs.

Councillor Hawkins said this was an occasion on which they could agree with a Regional officer. On behalf of the many sufferers in a recent air raid he wished to extend to the Borough Engineer and his assistants their best thanks for the prompt and effective way in which first aid repairs were carried out.

Moving the adoption of the report the chairman of the A.R.P. Committee (Councillor A. R. Young) said he wished to express appreciation of the good work which the committee and the officials had been performing. The committee had met three times during the month, four times the previous month and four times the month before that. He was impressed not only by their willingness but by the ability and enthusiasm with which they tackled what was becoming rather a heavy task.

BROTHER AND SISTER

DIE WITHIN TWO HOURS

Capt. William Francis Cossey, of Epple Bay-road, Birchington, and his sister, Miss Gladys Mabel Cossey, passed away within two hours of each other.

For some years their parents, the late Major and Mrs. J. F. Cossey, lived in Shakespeare-road, Birchington.

Seventy-three years of age, Capt. Cossey had lived in Birchington for 28 years. He was for many years in the service of the P. and O. Shipping Company.

A prominent member of Westgate and Birchington Golf Club, he was for a short time a member of the Birchington section of the Home Guard. He leaves a widow and two sons.

The Vicar (the Rev. N. M. Granville Sharp) officiated at the funeral service at All Saints' Church, Birchington, last week.

Miss Cossey, who lived in Birchington some years ago, died at a nursing home at Hindhead.

SHOCK FOR PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stringer, of Elm Grove, Westgate, who were under the impression that their son, Pte. R. J. Stringer, The Buffs, was a prisoner of war in Germany, have been notified by the War Office that there had been an error and that he is still missing.

An old boy of St. Saviour's School, Pte. Stringer, aged 22 years, was called up as a Territorial on the outbreak of war and, going to France in November, 1939, was reported missing last summer. On 31st October he was reported to be a prisoner of war in Germany.

MARGATE BOY DROWNED

Bruce MacPherson, aged 16½, whose parents formerly lived at 66 Grange-road, Margate, lost his life while bathing at Cheslyn Hay Reservoir, near Cannock, Staffs, recently.

A strong swimmer, MacPherson got into difficulties and efforts to save him were made by one of his companions, Wilfred Hawkins, aged 16, but the boy's body was not recovered until the following day.

MacPherson, who left Margate with his mother, brother and sisters last August, had been working at a colliery and had also undertaken voluntary duty as an A.R.P. messenger.

VENTURE ADVENTURE

"Venture Adventure" has been approved by His Majesty the King as the motto of the Air Training Corps. A Corps badge, embodying the motto, has also received Royal approval.

The badge represents a falcon rising on spread wings surrounded by a circlet of scarlet and the words "Air Training Corps" in gold. An Astral crown, with alternating wings and stars, surmounts the design, and at the foot is a golden scroll bearing the Corps motto.

The A.T.C. has also its own ensign approved by the King. This is described as "light blue, in the dexter Canton the Union, and in the centre of the flag the badge of the Air Training Corps."

COST OF POLICE CLOTHING

The lowest received, a tender of £723 7s., plus purchase tax, has been accepted by Ramsgate Council for the supply of police clothing.

KILLED BY BOMB

AFTER BEING SAVED FROM DUNKIRK

After fighting the Germans in Belgium and coming safely through Dunkirk, a young N.C.O. was killed by a mortar bomb he was examining in a guard-room at Broadstairs.

He was L/Corpl. Alfred Thomas Peto, aged 20, of Grange-road, Bermondsey, and at the inquest on Wednesday the Coroner for Dover and its Liberties (Mr. E. T. Lambert) said it was a most unfortunate occurrence but it was entirely Peto's own fault.

An officer said Peto was a very good soldier and a very good N.C.O. He understood the bomb was found on the sands. Any bomb found should be reported immediately but this bomb was not reported. There was no reason why Peto, who would have understood the mechanism, should have handled the bomb—it was just curiosity.

Pte. Alfred Ernest Morton said that together with Peto and Pte. Casey he was in the guard-room on Saturday evening. The previous evening he saw a mortar bomb in the guard-room. Casey picked up the bomb and asked how long it had been there. Peto said he thought it was a smoke bomb but Casey told him he thought it was an H.E. There was a little argument about it.

Continuing, witness said Casey left the guard-room. As witness was leaving in order to get some cigarettes nearby, Peto had the bomb in one hand, some wirecutters in the other hand, and was about to sit down at a table. As witness was on his way back to the guard-room he heard an explosion and saw smoke coming from the building. He went in, called Peto by name, and then saw that he was dead. He was badly injured. Witness sent for an officer.

Witness said they had instructions to report immediately if they found a bomb but he did not know whether or not the finding of the bomb had been reported.

Pte. George Casey said he asked Peto where the bomb came from and he told him it was found on the beach. He said he thought it was quite harmless and that it was a smoke bomb. Witness replied that he considered it was an H.E. Pte. Morton followed witness out of the guard-room and when he was about 15 yards away he heard an explosion. Turning round he saw black smoke coming from the guard-room. After going into the guard-room with Morton he mounted his cycle and went to fetch an officer.

Witness said he had known Peto for two years and was with him at Dunkirk. He was a good soldier.

P/S Butler, K.C.C., stationed at Broadstairs, said the body was brought to the mortuary on Saturday evening, when he examined it. There were extensive injuries to the right thigh, lower part of the abdomen, right hand and arm, face and head, and the left arm had been severed. The injuries were consistent with a mortar bomb having exploded between Peto's legs while he was in a sitting position.

The officer said he later went to the guard-room, the interior of which was wrecked, and took possession of a pair of wire cutters.

The Coroner said it was sad that a man who had come through Dunkirk should have lost his life in this way. He could not see that anyone was to blame for it. It was a most unfortunate occurrence but it was entirely the deceased's own fault.

Mr. Lambert returned a verdict of "Death by misadventure" and expressed his sympathy with the company and platoon in the loss of a good soldier.

TWO GOLD WATCHES

POLICEMAN AND BOY HONOURED

The presence of mind in two different spheres of a police officer and 16-year-old boy was recognised by presentations made by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) at the July meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

Gold wristlet watches were presented to P/C F. Coughlan, of Ramsgate Police Force, and Eric Richard Stankiste, aged 16, of West Dumpton-lane.

During a daylight air attack on the town P/C Coughlan, observing the approach of hostile aircraft while on duty at the Market-place, succeeded in quickly clearing the main shopping centre and thus in all probability saving life.

While rowing in Ramsgate Harbour, Stankiste heard cries for help. A non-swimmer, William Suckling, of Townley-street, mate of a fishing vessel, had fallen overboard as the vessel was approaching the harbour mouth. Stankiste rowed to the spot, threw over a line, and, unaided, got Suckling aboard when he was on the point of exhaustion. He then rowed him to the quayside, where artificial respiration was applied.

The Mayor said they were proud to have an officer like P/C Coughlan in the police force. His prompt action had undoubtedly saved many lives and it was fitting that it should be recognised, although the Regional Commissioner had not seen his way to show appreciation.

Councillor A. E. Petley, chairman of the Watch Committee and a former member of the force, also paid a tribute to the officer's action.

Before reading an official account of the harbour rescue the Mayor said it was an act of resource and bravery.

Shaking hands with the boy, the Mayor said "I am very proud of you. You are a good boy. Keep it up and try and do your best in life."

"I think we should congratulate ourselves on having the right stuff in Ramsgate," said Councillor Petley.

BELIEVED TO BE CAPTURED

Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Claw, of Clifton Villas, Pegwell-road, Ramsgate, Tpr. Alan Douglas Claw was posted as "missing" on 2nd June and is believed to be a prisoner of war.

Six days before they received the news Mr. and Mrs. Claw had a cable from their son John, who is also serving abroad, saying that he had "seen Alan and he was O.K."

Tpr. Claw, who is 23 years of age, attended St. Lawrence School and after being employed at Ramsgate and Oxford, joined the Army in 1936.

NO HOLIDAYS AT HOME

The Town Clerk of Ramsgate, Mr. H. G. Curtis, has reported to the Council that, under the registration scheme, the parent of any child between the ages of five and 14 already evacuated must report the fact if the child returns and "must obey such instructions with respect to the child as the local authority shall give, including instructions to send the child to the place whence he or she came or to some other place."

KEEPING IT DARK

COUNCIL SHELVE "MORE INFORMATION" PROPOSAL

Whether or not the members of the Council had the right to expect that committees appointed by them should report their decisions to the parent body was responsible for a long, and somewhat heated, debate, at Thursday's meeting of Ramsgate Town Council.

Certain committees of the Council in the normal course of events report their recommendations to the Council from month to month.

Other of the committees, however, such as the Education Committee and the Rating Committee, which have executive powers, do not report to the Council except in exceptional circumstances.

An attempt by the Deputy Mayor (Councillor A. R. Young) to bring about uniformity by ensuring that every committee reports its transactions for the information of all the members was shelved.

Councillor Young endeavoured to effect the change by a notice of motion to amend Standing Orders.

An amendment moved by Councillor G. W. Twigger that the matter should be deferred until three months after the end of the war was adopted.

The addition Councillor Young wanted to see included in Standing Orders read:

(i) Every committee of this Council shall cause a report of its proceedings to be presented to the Council;

(ii) Such report shall be presented to the Council at the monthly meeting of the Council next after the date of the meeting of the committee concerned;

(iii) Provided that where a meeting of a committee takes place less than seven clear days before a monthly meeting of the Council such report may be presented at the monthly meeting next but one after the date on which the committee met.

Not Bound to Report.

Moving the adoption of the notice of motion Councillor Young said its object was to provide the members with more information but in view of the action of the Council a few minutes previously (as reported under a separate heading) in suppressing facts which he wished to give he could hardly hope for much support.

The Rating Committee, of which he was chairman, did not report its proceedings to the Council, and neither did the Education Committee. These committees had unlimited executive powers. The Contracts Committee had executive powers to accept tenders. The Watch Committee had certain executive powers and the Harbour Committee

The Man Who Moved the Resolution

reported to the Council only twice a year. As far as he could see there was no duty on any committee to report to the Council. If at the next meeting the A.R.P. Committee became a little obstreperous and said they would not report to the Council he did not think the Council could do anything about it.

The object of the amendment was that the members should be informed as to what the committees had done. One section of the local press (the ADVERTISER & ECHO) hit the nail on the head by referring to the subject under the heading of "No Secret Committees."

The amendment would have no effect on the powers of the executive committees. They had been given the impression in committee that if his proposals were adopted it would deprive the executive committees of some of their powers. That was not so. The Rating Committee would still carry out its work and the Council could not upset what it did. The Education Committee would still carry out its work and the Council would not have the power to refer back its report.

Individual Responsibility

If that were so, asked some of the responsible members of the Council and the officials, what was the object of reporting at all? The answer was that the members should be in the position of knowing that those committees were carrying out the work entrusted to them, and of preventing in the future any mistakes which had been committed in the past.

The members of the Council had an individual responsibility to the townspeople for everything which every committee of the Council did, whether they happened to be a member of that committee or not. They could not accept responsibility for the actions of a committee if they did not know what was going on. The object of committees was to save time and trouble. But if they did not know what some of the committees were doing how could they carry out their responsibilities?

A further reason for bringing the motion forward was to bring the Council into line with modern democratic practise. The central government itself at the present time was being attacked for suppressing facts.

It had been stated that if he approached any member of the committee he would be told what he wanted to know. As a member of the Council he would never be prepared to accept "confidences." He would never make up his mind on any matter concerning the town for reasons which must be kept secret from the Council and the people of the town.

Most of the opposition to his motion, said Councillor Young, had come from the officials. They had urged that if each committee reported in full they would run the danger of clogging the machinery of local government. He had never suggested that the committees should report in full. What he wanted was a resume of the work of those committees.

After replying to further objections which had been raised Councillor Young said that if the motion was not passed he proposed to take all proper means under Standing Orders to see that all the information necessary was obtained.

The Democratic Principle.

Supporting the motion Councillor J. Martin recalled that he had previously tabled a similar motion in relation to the Education Committee. They were asking that the Council and the public should know its own business. It was supporting the democratic principle.

Councillor Martin recalled that before the war there was some controversy about a proposed railway on the pier. Members of the Council were asked about it in the streets but unless they were members of the Harbour Committee they knew nothing about it.

Councillor S. E. Austin said if he had come to the meeting that afternoon in favour of the motion he would have altered his opinion before leaving. They had had a matter brought up that afternoon which it was admitted had been discussed for three hours by Council in Committee and for four hours by the A.R.P. Committee. They were told that they wanted business men on the Council but how could they offer their services when there was such a continuous wastage of time?

Councillor Austin said there was no committee on which he would better like to serve than the Education Committee, but he had not possibly got the time to do so. They had to leave the work of such committees to the people who had. If the motion were carried the meetings of the Council would be endless.

In a strongly-worded protest against the time which was being wasted while the country was at war, Councillor Twigger said he proposed to move an amendment that the matter be dealt with three months after the war had ended. Then, probably, there would be a more suitable atmosphere to discuss such things.

Faith in Committees.

The war they were fighting was a real job and he was trying to play his part to the full in the war effort. It was because of that that he was prepared to leave it to the responsible officials to carry out their work. He had absolute faith in every committee and no town in the country was served by a more sincere body of men.

"I feel this is simply playing to the gallery. Cheap stuff," said Councillor Twigger.

A member: Who are you referring to?

Councillor Twigger: Young, in bringing this forward at a public meeting at this time.

Councillor Twigger said that Councillor Young's statements that afternoon were calculated to upset the faith of every man and woman in Ramsgate when they read it in the paper the following day.

Subtle propaganda, said Councillor Twigger, was hampering not only local authorities but Government efficiency. If they sapped the people's faith in democracy they would make way for Hitler and his gang. There was something in democracy worth fighting for, but it should be an enlightened democracy.

Defence of Democracy.

Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel said they were fighting the war for democracy and he considered the motion moved by Councillor Young would help to preserve that democracy. Democracy had been described as "government for the people by the people," and he would like to add "with the people's knowledge."

He agreed, said Councillor Harcourt Samuel, that it was not always possible for every detail to be made known. It was not always advisable to put the whole of one's cards on the table. But the number of times when it was not possible should be kept to the absolute minimum. He yielded to no one in his respect for the officials of the town but the Council should remove any temptation towards bureaucracy. He wanted to safeguard the officials from that temptation. If the officials themselves were strong enough to resist, the present procedure lent itself to oligarchy. Neither bureaucracy nor oligarchy were compatible with the best interests of a free people.

The committees in which they placed their confidence should show the courtesy of telling the Council what they were doing and how they were using their powers. In the hands of the central government had been placed unparalleled powers, but the report of their actions had to be laid on the table of the House of Commons. He could not see that any effort made to preserve democracy was impeding the war effort.

He wanted nothing to do with what was done in a corner. He wanted all concerned, Council and ratepayers, to take an intelligent interest in the life of the town and the life of the country, but they could not do so unless the courtesy of information was extended to them. He supported the motion because he believed in the democratic way of life. He wanted to safeguard it at every turn, and not only when it was challenged from overseas.

Councillor C. Woodhams said he was against the amendment and the motion. He was against the amendment because of the attitude adopted by Councillor Twigger. So far as most of the committees of the Council were concerned he knew of no suppression of facts.

When Councillor Woodhams said he could envisage the day when they would have paid councillors, Councillor O. Hughes expressed the hope that they would be paid by the hour.

Councillor Mrs. Nicholson, suggesting that the Council had lost their sense of values, pointed out that all the resolution sought to achieve was co-operation and good government.

As stated above, Councillor Twigger's amendment was adopted.

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BOY LEARNERS' WAGES

In an interview with the Ramsgate Borough Treasurer, the secretary of the National Union of General and Municipal Workers made representations that boy learners employed in the Corporation nurseries should receive 80 per cent. of a man's wages on reaching the age of 19.

The Parks and Pleasure Grounds Committee reported to the Council on Thursday that after considerable discussion they recommended that "subject to satisfactory service at the age of 19 years or over no boy learner in the Department should receive a higher wage than £3 a week."

PIG SWILL—IF AND WHEN

The Ministry of Supply have requested Ramsgate Council to introduce as soon as possible a scheme for the collection of swill for feeding pigs.

At Ramsgate, however, there is no public scheme in existence for disposing of any swill so collected and the Borough Engineer, Mr. R. D. Brimmell, has explained to the Finance Committee the arrangements made for collection by private contractors.

Accordingly the committee have authorised the Borough Engineer to introduce a scheme for the collection of swill in the borough "if and when economical and satisfactory steps for its disposal are introduced by the appropriate authority."

Two Thousand Left Behind

THANET CHILDREN WITHOUT EDUCATION

A recent registration of school-children reveals an amazingly large number of Thanet children who are receiving practically no education.

Parents were called on to register all children between the ages of five and 14 years and the registration figures for the individual districts were:

Ramsgate	770
Margate, Westgate and Birchington	750
Broadstairs	282
Minster	160
	1,962

Both at Ramsgate and Margate the Education Committees have adhered strictly to the request of the Board of Education that schools should not in any circumstances be opened but at Broadstairs and Minster the Kent Education Committee have instituted a system of part-time schooling.

Requests from local authorities that the Government should institute compulsory evacuation of children have so far been without result.

In addition to the children of school leaving age there are in Ramsgate alone at least 423 children under five, giving a total of approximately 1,200 children in the town.

As reported under another heading, it is now an offence to bring children back into the area without notifying the authority and carrying out their orders, and children will not be permitted to return from the reception area for the summer holidays.

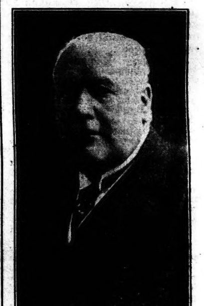
25 YEARS ON COUNCIL

ALDERMAN PETTMAN LOOKS AHEAD

Still one of the most regular attendants at the meetings, Alderman F. L. Pettman has completed 25 years membership of Margate Town Council.

Co-opted a member during the last war, he was raised to the aldermanic bench ten years ago and occupied the Mayoral chair for three years.

Now 77 years of age, Alderman Pettman has spent his whole life in Margate. A pioneer of the town's



development as a modern seaside resort, he looks forward with confidence to its revival when peace returns.

"If there is prosperity in the country after the war there will be prosperity at Margate," he said, in an interview.

"I shall put my foot down against any big schemes. With all the assets we now possess we do not need to spend money on competing with our rivals. We must work to get our rates down and increase our rateable value for some years, and thereby give encouragement to people to come here to live and do business.

"The hotel and boarding house keepers will hold the key to success so far as visitors are concerned," he added, speaking as president of the Hotel, Boarding and Apartment House Association. "They must satisfy the people with good food and service in return for fair charges, and they will come back again."

MARGATE COUNCILLOR RESIGNS

As first reported in our last issue, Major W. F. Bacon has resigned his membership of Margate Town Council.

After service in the Army as a schoolmaster and inspector of schools Major Bacon came to Margate to reside in 1929, and was elected a member of the Council for the Pier Ward in November, 1933.

He has occupied the vice-chair on the Education, Finance and Library Committees and was a representative on the Isle of Thanet Joint Hospital Board.

He is now living at Paignton.

K.C. AS DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Hartley W. Shawcross, K.C., who has prosecuted or defended in 20 murder trials—he was counsel for the prosecution in the Ruxton case—has been appointed Deputy Regional Commissioner in the south-eastern region.

Having previously been associated with regional headquarters in the capacity of legal adviser, Mr. Shawcross will now devote his special attention to the problems of fire-prevention and fire-fighting.

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RAMSGATE PRECAUTIONS

The possibility of fires breaking out in Ramsgate tunnel shelters is again under consideration by the A.R.P. Committee of the Town Council.

The report of the committee, presented at a meeting of the Council on Thursday, stated that a letter had been submitted from the Regional Commissioner intimating that his attention had been drawn to the desirability of adequate precautions being taken to guard against fires in the smaller tunnels, and to deal with such fires should they occur.

The Council's technical officers, continued the report, are considering proposals which will be placed before the committee as soon as possible.

They recommended that the Town Clerk and the Chief Constable be authorised to take all necessary proceedings against any person offending against the regulation prohibiting the use of oil stoves in the tunnels.

At the request of the Senior Regional Officer the Council have decided to construct two brick and concrete tanks in the main tunnel, and three somewhat smaller tanks in the subsidiary tunnels, to provide a total capacity of 10,000 gallons of water, at an approximate cost of £300.

The Senior Regional Officer has intimated that following further consideration it has now been decided that the provision at Montefiore-avenue of an additional entrance to the main tunnel as originally proposed is now considered unnecessary and the committee have been asked to proceed as soon as possible with the improvement of the ventilation by providing an up-draft ventilating shaft of not less that 5 ft. diameter situated at or near the occupied part of the northern end of the tunnel.

COMEDY AND CRIME

CONTRASTS AT KING'S

There is plenty of contrast in the films being screened at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

The troubles of a young married couple who find they aren't married at all comprise the basis of "Mr. and Mrs. Smith," the new comedy vehicle for Carole Lombard and Robert Montgomery, which heads the bill for the first four days. The stars are seen in the roles of a prosperous New York lawyer and his accepted wife—a normal, fun-loving, arguing couple, typical of the social circle in which they move. But when Mr. Smith discovers that a non-valid license makes their marriage illegal, things begin to happen.

A strong human comedy drama of five men sent to the penitentiary, "Millionaires in Prison," which is also being screened, stars Lee Tracy and Linda Hayes.

"Before I Hang," the latest Boris Karloff thriller, will be the chief feature for the second half of the week. As a brilliant scientist who is attempting to solve the secret of youth and turn time backward, Karloff is weirdly transformed into a ruthless fiend by an injection of murderer's blood into his own veins. Inflamed with an uncontrollable blood lust, Karloff murders all his associates and even his lovely daughter, played by Evelyn Keyes, is powerless to stay his hand.

Telling the sensational story about one of the most vicious blackmailing rackets in America, "Glamour For Sale," which completes the programme, has in the caste Anita Louise, Roger Pryor and June MacCloy.

HOLIDAY FOR PARENTS

Although Ramsgate children evacuated to the Midlands will not be allowed to return home for the summer holidays, special arrangements have been made to enable parents to visit them.

In addition to the cheap three-day vouchers already available for visiting parents, the cheap travel facilities are being extended to provide until 30th September for the issue of vouchers valid for eight days.

This arrangement is particularly intended to help war workers by giving them an opportunity to join their families during their week's leave.

Similar facilities are being granted for visits by relatives to other evacuated persons in neutral or reception areas within a day's reach of Ramsgate.

Further particulars of these cheap travel facilities can be obtained from Mr. S. V. West, Secretary to the Education Committee, Clarendon House.

WHO SAT ON IT?

Would anyone like to buy a chair?

It is not an ordinary chair, but a mayoral chair, but the evidence as to the mayors who may have sat on it appears to be rather vague.

Offering to dispose of it to Ramsgate Town Council, Messrs. Montague Marcusson Ltd. stated that they had been given to understand that it was once the mayoral chair of Ramsgate.

This is the laconic way in which the subject is treated in the report of the Finance Committee, approved at a meeting of the Council on Thursday:

"The committee have been informed that there is no evidence that the chair was ever the mayoral chair of Ramsgate. Resolved that no action be taken in the matter."

UNCONDITIONAL LEAVE REFUSED

The report of the Gas and Water Committee presented to Ramsgate Council on Thursday stated that a letter was submitted from D. H. Austin, a member of the staff, asking for unconditional leave of absence for the duration of the war.

The committee resolved that the request be not granted.

WOUNDED RAID HERO

ENTITLED TO NO MORE PAY

In the mass raid on Ramsgate last August Auxiliary Fireman E. H. J. Moore, although wounded five times by shell splinters and machine-gun bullets, carried a dying comrade to shelter and then staggered to a first-aid post to summon help for him.

In May, Moore received the George Medal, which was pinned on his breast by King George.

Although he returned for a short time to light duty, Auxiliary Fireman Moore is still undergoing hospital treatment.

At a recent meeting of the Watch Committee, the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, Mr. F. Wain, reporting that Fireman Moore was unfit and was now again receiving medical treatment, explained that "under the appropriate regulations the period for which Fireman Moore is entitled to receive wages has expired."

The committee, stated a report presented to the Town Council on Thursday, "feels very strongly that some alteration is necessary in the rules governing sick pay to firemen absent from duty through injury or sickness, and that if it is at all possible some payment should be made to Fireman Moore until he is fit to resume full duty."

The committee requested the appropriate officers to give consideration to the matter as quickly as possible.

No comment upon the report was made at the meeting of the Council on Thursday.

A BROKEN TOOTH

WHY DENTAL SURGEON'S CAR RAN AWAY

The mystery of a car which ran away after being stationary in Cecil-square, Margate, for nearly two hours was solved at the borough police court on Wednesday, when Sidney William Ingram, dental surgeon, of High-street, Broadstairs, pleaded not guilty to having inefficient brakes on the car. A broken tooth on the hand-brake ratchet was the cause.

P/C Bremner, who was called to a saloon car spreadeagled across the top of Hawley-street at 11.40 a.m. on 12th June, said the nearside front wing was damaged and the doors were locked. He saw defendant after a test of the braking system had been carried out and told him he would be reported for having inefficient brakes. In a statement defendant said the brakes were overhauled at a garage three months previously. He left the car on the slope in Cecil-square at 9.45 a.m. that day with the handbrake hard on. It stood there over an hour and a half before anything happened, and he could only suggest that the effect of the heat on the brake band caused it to lose its grip.

P/C Tawse, a police mechanic, who tested the brakes of the car at 1 p.m. in company with defendant and P/S Beer, said he found the foot-brake in good order, but the hand-brake, which operated only on the back wheels, would not hold the car stationary on Trinity-hill. The inefficiency was due to lack of adjustment and was not the result of an accident when the car ran away. He found that a cog on the brake ratchet had broken off, which might have resulted in the car running away.

P/S Beer, who also gave evidence, agreed under cross-examination that the breaking off of the tooth was the cause of the car running away.

Defendant said that if the tooth had not broken off he would not have been in court that day. He drove down Trinity-hill every day and had always been able to stop with ease and comfort. He never had any thought that there was inefficiency. He always drove alone, and he thought the presence of two other people in the car when the test was carried out had an effect on the brake. He always had complete control over the car.

In reply to the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer), defendant agreed that the hand-brake was not 100 per cent. efficient but he did not think it was sufficiently bad to justify his appearance in court.

The Chief Constable said the cause of the car running away might have been the broken tooth but the hand-brake was not efficient.

The Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) announced that the case would be dismissed.

The Chief Constable said he would like to know, for the purposes of record, whether the magistrates considered the case had been proved, or whether it was dismissed for want of evidence.

After consulting with the bench, the Mayor said they considered the case proved, and expressed the hope that defendant would be more attentive to his brakes in the future.

TUNNEL WORKERS

INCREASE OF PAY REFUSED

Ramsgate Town Council have declined an application for an increase of wages made on behalf of men working in the tunnel shelters.

The National Union of General and Municipal Workers asked that seven men engaged as lavatory cleaners in the tunnel should be classified as cesspool cleaners and receive an increase in their rates of pay in accordance with the J.I.C. scale, that one man acting as foreman should receive a penny an hour over the proposed increased rate, that protective clothing should be provided and that boots should be supplied, or, alternatively, boot money paid at the rate of a penny per hour.

The Works Committee, who considered the applications, recommended that no alteration be made in the classification of the employees since in the opinon of the committee the work carried out by the men is that of lavatory cleaners.

It was further recommended that since the man referred to by the union did not act in the capacity of foreman the application be not granted, that the Borough Engineer be authorised to provide protective clothing for the men and that consideration of the question of the provision of boots be deferred.

SIX BIG DAMS

STATIC WATER SUPPLY FOR RAMSGATE

Discussions have taken place between representatives of Ramsgate Town Council and the Regional Fire Brigades Inspector regarding the provision of static water supplies in the borough and the inspector has urged that six dams should be constructed forthwith with a total capacity of approximately 2,000,000 gallons.

The cost of the construction of the dams will rank for grant, probably at the rate of 100 per cent.

Tenders are to be invited for the execution of the work.

Ramsgate Families United

The bride and bridegroom photographed outside the church after the wedding at Southborough of L/Bdr. William Daniel Coombes, R.A., of Ramsgate, to Miss Dorothy Emily Attwell, formerly of Ramsgate.

WHY MAJOR RESIGNED

CHAIRMAN REPROVED FOR TELLING THE PUBLIC

As first announced in the ADVERTISER & ECHO, Major H. J. Martin has resigned his post as Ramsgate Air Raid Precautions Officer after less than a month's service.

Major Martin's resignation was the subject of outspoken comment by the Deputy Mayor (Councillor A. R. Young), who is chairman of the A.R.P. Committee, at Thursday's meeting of the Council.

In view of the difficulty which was experienced in finding a suitable candidate, the Council were asked to confirm a recommendation of the A.R.P. Committee that, subject to the approval of the Home Office, Sergt. D. L. Brown, of the Borough Police Force, who has for some time past devoted the bulk of his time to A.R.P. duties, should be seconded from his police duties to the post of A.R.P. Staff Officer, and should be made an allowance of £52 per annum in addition to his salary while carrying out the work.

Major Martin was appointed at a salary of £400 per annum with a car allowance of £50 per annum.

Accepted Another Post.

The report of the A.R.P. Committee stated that Major Martin had submitted his resignation, having been offered the post of A.R.P. Inspecting Officer, Ministry of Aircraft Production.

The committee recommended that the resignation be accepted and that Major Martin be released to take up his new duties on a date to be settled by the A.R.P. Sub-Controller (Mr. S. F. Butler).

The report continued:

"The committee have given careful consideration to the question of the appointment of an Air Raid Precautions Officer in view of Major Martin's resignation.

"The committee have advertised on two separate occasions for an Air Raid Precautions Officer and find that there is a limited choice of persons who have had the necessary experience. The Town Clerk reported that he had discussed the matter with Regional Officers and had ascertained that in several towns in the area where the Town Council is the police authority, and where the Chief Constable is the Sub-Controller, an officer of the police force has been seconded to act as Staff Officer in the A.R.P. organisation and that this officer carries out to a large extent the duties of an Air Raid Precautions Officer.

"The committee feel that Sergt. Brown, who has for some time past devoted the bulk of his time to A.R.P. duties, would make an efficient Staff Officer."

Subject to the approval of the appropriate authority a training officer is to be appointed and the Chief Constable has been authorised to select the most suitable individual for this position from the personnel of the A.R.P. services.

The Chief Constable is also to select a storekeeper, and the approval of the Home Office is to be sought to the seconding of a police sergeant to assist with the wardens' service and of a constable to act as assistant to the A.R.P. Staff Officer.

Recommendations with regard to the other subsidiary appointments which may be necessary will be made in due course.

Sprang a Surprise.

Moving the adoption of the report of the A.R.P. Committee, Councillor Young said Major Martin sprang his resignation upon him and upon the committee as a surprise, and he was very dissatisfied with his action. He told him so at the time. He should never have accepted the post of A.R.P. Officer if he had in mind, as he admitted he did, that he might later accept a post he liked better. Having accepted the post at Ramsgate, he should not have given it up and left them in the lurch.

Councillor Young said he felt bound to explain his views as to the recommendation which had been put forward to deal with the position. He felt the recommendation was the best thing to ensure a continuance of the efficient organisation at the present time under present conditions.

His first reason was that he was convinced from what had happened that to bring a stranger into the A.R.P. organisation as A.R.P. Officer must result in a dislocation of those services for a time. His experience of Major Martin led him to believe that, unless the new A.R.P. Officer were a miracle of character, personality and tact, the dislocation would probably be a major one. Unless that were so he would be unable to work with the other officials. That was what happened with Major Martin. There was no necessity to say that any particular person was to blame for the situation. It was a very natural situation. Major Martin had been tactless in his dealings with the officials.

At this point the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) intervened to ask if it were necessary to introduce personalities into the debate.

Continuing, Councillor Young said the second reason he was in favour of the recommendations was that A.R.P. in the town grew up with the police. The organisation was created by the police and the Chief Constable, who was Sub-Controller, and who, according to the minutes of Council in committee of 1936, was also A.R.P. Officer. To take the organisation away from the police now would be to lead to further dislocation of the arrangements.

Chairman Interrupted.

As Councillor Young was about to continue, Councillor G. W. Twigger rose to ask if a new procedure was being introduced into meetings of the Council. Were they to sit and be lectured to? It was the duty of the chairman to move the adoption of a report and if members had any questions to ask the chairman could answer them.

Councillor T. H. Prestedge said the matter had been discussed fully by both the A.R.P. Committee and Council in committee.

"I think this is all in exceedingly bad taste," said Councillor S. E. Austin. If the chairman of every committee were to give his personal opinions about the report he was presenting the meetings of the Council would never end. Councillor Young had made a statement which might be considered to reflect on the officials who were present at the meeting that afternoon, and they had no opportunity to answer him.

The Mayor: I hope Councillor Young will not press this. There are certain things we should not discuss.

Councillor Young said it was obvious he had not the sympathy of some members of the Council. The reason he had spoken at length was that but for the circumstances to which he had referred he would not have recommended such a course as was now placed before the Council for approval. Councillor Austin said he was wasting the time of the Council.

Councillor Twigger: So you are.

Councillor Prestedge: Hear, hear.

Councillor Young said when a matter was discussed in committee a member should have no fear of his remarks being repeated in public. In his opinion it was right that the circumstances surrounding the recommendation should be mentioned in open Council.

Councillor F. C. Miller said that although a member of the A.R.P. Committee he was not in favour of the recommendation. He considered the A.R.P organisation should be separate from the police.

Councillor W. L. Knibbs pointed out that at the previous meeting of the Council he had asked if there was any agreement between Major Martin and the Council. If the proposed system did not prove satisfactory and they found they had to appoint another A.R.P. Officer, he hoped they would make the appointment subject to a contract.

The Mayor said the report made by Major Martin was in fact a confidential document and if the members wished to discuss anything arising out of that report he suggested it should take place in Council in committee. There were certain things which should not be discussed in public.

The report relating to the appointment of Sergt. Brown was then adopted.

They Didn't Want to Hear It.

Moving the adoption of a further report of the A.R.P. Committee containing recommendations on various detailed matters, which apparently arose out of a report submitted by Major Martin to which the Mayor had referred, Councillor Young said he wished to give the members of the Council a report on the evidence given before him and before the committee, and the reasons for the conclusions they had drawn. It was up to the members whether or not they wished to hear it. The report was one which called for careful consideration and the recommendations they had arrived at were arrived at almost entirely on the advice of the responsible officials and with the advice of the Regional Officer and the experts. In some cases his own opinion was not in line with the recommendations.

The Mayor intervened to ask if the Council considered it in the interests of the public that the matter should further be discussed in open Council.

Councillor Twigger: I move the report be now put.

On being put to the meeting the report was adopted.

SYNCHRONISED SIRENS

At a conference attended by representatives of the Councils of the three Thanet towns it was agreed to instal a system of unified control for air raid alerts, by means of remote control.

It was reported to Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday that the cost to the town, after deduction of grant, was at the rate of £20 per annum.

It was also reported, with regard to the installation of the system of "alarm within the alert" at Ramsgate, that, owing to modifications in the apparatus which the appropriate authorities had found it necessary to make, delivery of the adaptors had been held up and there was little likelihood of the order being executed for another six weeks.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

This week Thanet has provided hospitality for some of the men who have taken part in perhaps the most historic period in the greatest of all battles. For almost a year and a half our gallant soldiers—heroes all—have been waiting impatiently for the time when the word would come for a general advance. It marked the commencement of an offensive which all knew must come, and in which all hoped to play a part. Trench warfare on a grand scale is the German's alternative when the surprise of rushing tactics en masse fails. Trench warfare is not to the liking of the British Tommy, but it is a form of warfare forced on our men. Thanet is proud to be able to afford accommodation to the returned warriors, torn and weary in battle.

The first batch of wounded arrived from the front on Wednesday and were taken to the Nethercourt V.A.D. hospital and to hospitals at Broadstairs.

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As a permanent memorial of the preservation of the church on the night of the first Zeppelin raid on Ramsgate, when bombs fell close to the building, a plaque of the Blessed Virgin is to be unveiled at St. Mary, Ramsgate, by the Vicar, the Rev. E. L. A. Hertslet.

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Capt. G. Searles, A.S.C., of Ramsgate, has again been promoted and has been appointed to the adjutancy of the Berkshire Regiment, to which he is attached.

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Writing to his friends at Ramsgate Corpl. Lewis Drayson, The Buffs, says that while attending Mass at a house in a French village where he is billeted, the enemy began shelling artillery positions nearby.

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A nephew of the Rev. B. J. Salomons, of Ramsgate, Myrtle Lebrecht, an old boy of Townley Castle, Ramsgate, has been killed while serving with the French Army. He was previously wounded.

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Sergt.-Major Instr. H. Forwood, of Ramsgate, who was recognised for his conspicuous gallantry while fighting at the front in 1915, received the D.C.M. last week. He won the decoration for continuing to fire his machine-gun after the officer and men with him had been killed.

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Capt. Frank Wells, 44th Provisional Batt., who was stationed at Broadstairs for some time, has been awarded the medal of the Royal Humane Society for saving the life of a soldier who was in danger of drowning off the shore at Broadstairs.

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A feature of war-time economy is the request which appears in the current issue of St. Peter's parish magazine, that parents of children attending the Sunday school treat shall not give the youngsters more than sixpence to spend.

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Ramsgate Watch Committee decided not to grant permission to three police officers who wished to join the Military Police, and it was resolved that in the interests of the borough the police force be not further depleted by enlistment.

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It is proposed to erect a brass tablet in the vestibule of Ramsgate Synagogue in memory of the late Capt. Robert Sebag-Montefiore, who died of wounds at Alexandria, in October.

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Owing to the death of Mrs. H. H. Marks, wife of Mr. H. H. Marks, ex-M.P. for Thanet, we understand that Callis Court estate, St. Peter's, including the residence built in Tudor style, is to be sold by public auction in August.

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Dominions Day was gaily celebrated by the Canadians in Ramsgate, and the hospitals were decked with flags, while local schoolchildren gave a display at Chatham House. During the day a sports meeting, organised by Canadian officers, was held at Chatham House.

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The Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman T. S. Chayney) received a petition, signed by 45 landladies, concerning the removal of soldiers from billets to empty houses. The matter had given him some anxiety, he said at a meeting of the Council, and he hoped to approach the proper quarters in London on the subject.

A YEAR AGO

Seven German bombers were brought down, two off the south-east coast, in a series of hit and run raids. A number of bombs were dropped but there was little damage to property, and no casualties were reported.

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Lieut. L. B. Philpott, R.N.R., an Old Ruymian, was awarded the D.S.C. for courage and resource in the capture of enemy ships. He is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Philpott, formerly of Broadstairs, and of Bournemouth.

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More Ramsgate Buffs posted missing were L/Corpls. W. Adams and S. Highman, and Pte. H. Porter, brother of the Town Sergeant. Eight Margate men reported missing were Ptes. B. Seatle, R. Hawkins, G. Bridges, E. Lovett, R. L. Bradley, J. Tumber, and Corpls. B. Breed and J. Peall, all of The Buffs.

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Capt. Cuthbert Walker, O.C. of the Margate Territorials, was killed while serving with The Buffs, and Lieut. D. P. Hunter, Royal Marines, of Birchington, was captured after being wounded in the defence of Calais.

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Dr. J. V. Walker, of Bootle, came to Ramsgate to take over the duties of Medical Officer in succession to Dr. W. J. Bannister.

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Councillor J. Cheesman, chairman, and Mr. J. M. Simpson, clerk, resigned from Minster Council.

LORD MOTTISTONE'S THANKS

A letter from Lord Mottistone, of the National Savings Committee, to Councillor B. J. Pearson, chairman of Broadstairs Council, paying tribute to the magnificent effort made by the town in connection with War Weapons Week, was read at the monthly meeting of the Council on Monday.

Lord Mottistone expressed his personal thanks to Councillor Pearson and all who helped to bring about the successful result. The result was excellent and a tribute to the work and goodwill of everyone.

Councillor Pearson said he wanted the public to know that their efforts were appreciated by Lord Mottistone personally.

SAVINGS SWEEP

RAMSGATE SUMMER CAMPAIGN OPENS

Just as the R.A.F. are sweeping daily over northern France, so the Ramsgate National Savings Campaign Committee hope to sweep everyone in the town into the National Savings Movement.

War Weapons Week gave birth to a great wave of enthusiasm. The object of the Summer Savings Offensive, which has just been launched, is to convert that wave into a constantly flowing tide.

Many people are as yet untouched by the savings movement. At the present time there are only about 30 savings groups in the town. This number should be at least trebled. Before the end of the summer it is hoped that there will not be a street in Ramsgate that is not embraced in a savings group.

The campaign was launched at a joint meeting of the remaining members of the old Savings Committee and the Executive Committee of War Weapons Week Committee, held under the chairmanship of Councillor W. Hawkins, at Clarendon House on Wednesday.

Mr. J. H. Robinson, hon. secretary of the Savings Committee since its inception, offered his resignation, and on his proposition Messrs. H. E. Wright and S. H. Winter, who together were largely responsible for the success of War Weapons Week, were appointed joint hon. secretaries of the new Campaign Committee.

It was decided to recommend that the sum of £150 from the War Weapons Week balance should be allocated for the purpose of the campaign and an executive committee consisting of Mrs. Farnsworth, Messrs. Robinson, Winter, Barney, Wetherill, Prestedge Greenup, West, Wright and Councillors Hawkins and Miller was appointed.

Mr. Wright explained that it was proposed to carry out a personal canvas of each street in the town and to find appropriate people to act as group secretaries. Arrangements were being made for shop window displays and everything possible would be done to maintain the interest of the public.

Advice Bureau Opened.

The Ramsgate Advice Bureau at the Odeon Cinema-arcade was opened on Friday by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe).

Even before the opening ceremony people were lining up outside to invest their money in Government securities.

The Mayor said he could tell the people of Ramsgate how to make sure of winning the war. A tremendous battle was raging between Russia and Germany and Germany appeared to be winning because of their tremendous mechanised strength. Germany's opponents had not realised the value of the tank. We wanted tanks, tanks and then more tanks.

The only way in which they could get those tanks was for the people of the country to invest their money in Government securities. If they did this our boys in the Army could be relied on to put up a magnificent show. If we lost the war everything would be over for us. That must not happen. Great Britain had given the world so many good things and Britain still must lead if freedom was to prevail in the world.

"I am asking you to come forward and play your part towards winning this war and saving the world from slavery," said the Mayor.

The Advice Bureau is open on Monday and Friday evenings from 6.30 to 8.30 and on Saturdays between 3 and 5 and 5.30 and 7.30 p.m.

National Savings Stamps, Savings Certificates and other forms of Government investment are on sale at the bureau.

The Chilton Tavern has the honour of being the first new group formed since the summer campaign began.

Targets already decided upon by existing groups are: Ramsgate Borough Police—complete equipment, including rifles, for four soldiers (£55); Banks and Building Society—rubber dinghy and Tommy gun (£65); ADVERTISER & ECHO—two rifles (£14); Robinson and Allfree—mortar (£25); F. W. Woolworth—parachute (£40).

Paying For a Weapon.

The National Savings Committee in announcing the summer campaign states that it takes the form of an intensive Savings Group drive in which each group is asked to set itself the task of raising, through war savings, in one, four, eight or twelve weeks enough money to pay for a War Weapon—say a tank, a fighter, a naval launch, a torpedo, a field gun or a parachute.

Women, who form a large portion of the vast army of voluntary workers in the National Savings movement, will play an important part in this great effort.

RECTOR'S RECOVERY

The Rev. A. H. Culmer, Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Ramsgate, is making satisfactory if somewhat slow progress towards recovery from his recent serious illness. He will shortly take a few weeks' holiday to recuperate after convalescence and hopes to resume his duties in August.

In the meantime the services are being conducted by the resident lay reader, Mr. F. P. Hind, who is assisted in reading the lessons by members of the Ramsgate branch of Toc H, of which Mr. Culmer is padre.

The evening service on Sunday was noteworthy in that only a very few of the congregation present were aware of the physical difficulties faced by two of the branch in carrying out their duties. The service was conducted by a member completely blind, who also preached the sermon, and the lessons were read by another totally deaf.

Yet everything proceeded normally and smoothly in circumstances that would have excused any hitch or uncertainty. Each afterwards congratulated the other on the happy outcome of this unusual demonstration of the triumph of mind over matter.

COUNCIL AUDIT

In his report to Broadstairs Council on the audit of accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1940, the District Auditor (Mr. E. H. V. Weigall) states that the financial position consequent upon the war and the loss of income sustained has been the subject of close examination in connection with the assistance afforded by the Government.

The accounts were presented in good order and no matter arose to which it was necessary to draw the Council's attention.

The auditor paid tribute to the courtesy and assistance given by the officers of the Council during the audit.

7,000 MEALS A MONTH

Broadstairs British Restaurant continues to pay its way.

In the five weeks ending 31st May, 6,336 meals at 8d., 723 meals at 4d. and 1,786 cups of tea were served.

Total receipts during that period amounted to £281 8s. 8d., leaving a net surplus of £27 14s. 4d.

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FIRE-WATCHING

ACCOMMODATION FOR RAMSGATE PARTIES

Following the compulsory enrolment recently carried out fire-watching is now getting into full swing in Ramsgate and shortly there will be 30 fire-watching parties in operation as distinct from the parties already performing duties in respect of business premises.

The Borough Engineer and Fire Co-ordinating Officer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) has explained to the A.R.P. Committee that is will be necessary to find accommodation for the parties and he estimates that accommodation will be required in approximately 30 different buildings in different parts of the town. While it may be possible to secure this accommodation by voluntary agreement, it may be necessary to exercise requisitioning powers.

A schedule of dilapidations will be required in respect of buildings used for this purpose and as the Engineer has insufficient staff to undertake this work he has been authorised to engage the services of any persons in the borough qualified to do the work at an inclusive fee based on the scale of fees paid by the military authorities for similar work.

The Senior Regional Officer has intimated that in the exceptional circumstances the Ministry are now prepared to approve the payment of an honorarium of £150 per annum to Mr. Brimmell in respect of his duties as Fire Co-ordinating Officer and that the payment will be subject to review annually.

STARS OF COMEDY

LAUGHTER-MAKERS AT ODEON

Laughter predominates in the programmes being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, this week.

George Formby tops even his own high record for light-hearted fooling in "Spare A Copper," the chief feature for the first four days. The comedian has the part of a War Reserve policeman who cherishes an ambition to become a member of the Flying Squad. Attempts to sabotage the building of a new warship provide the dramatic theme for the story, during the course of which Formby becomes involved in the most amazing and amusing adventures. Lovely Dorothy Hyson is the leading lady and the supporting cast includes Bernard Lee.

Another story of Renfrew of the Royal Mounted, "Youkon Flight" is also being shown.

The laughter-makers for the second half of the week will be Will Hay and Claude Hulbert, appearing together in "The Ghost of St. Michael's." Will Hay, again in the part of a schoolmaster, becomes involved in two murders and is forced to solve the mystery in order to clear himself of suspicion. Astonishing experiments are made in an attempt to track down the murderer. The climax is an engaging blend of comedy and suspense for the real murderer traps Will and his friends in an old torture chamber with a descending roof and only the enterprise of the scholars enables the party to escape.

Described as a two-fisted drama, "Black Diamonds," featuring Richard Arlen and Andy Devine, will also be screened.

ABSENT COUNCILLORS

MAY LOSE THEIR SEATS

There may soon be some more vacancies to be filled on Ramsgate Town Council.

If members are absent from the Council for six months they forfeit their membership unless their colleagues pass a resolution accepting the reasons for their absence.

So far the reasons for absence advanced by a number of members have been accepted but it appears that the opinion on the Council on the subject is veering.

The report of the Council in Committee, presented at a meeting of the Council on Thursday, stated that the Town Clerk reported that he had drawn the attention of certain members of the Council to the fact that their period of six months absence from meetings of the Council would expire shortly and that unless the Council passed a resolution approving the reasons for their absence they would cease to be members of the Council.

"The Council in Committee decided not to pass any resolution with regard to the absence of the above mentioned members," stated the report.

ACOL MAKES JAM FOR MARGATE

The little village of Acol has come to the assistance of its big sister, Margate, and undertaken responsibility for its fruit preservation scheme.

The Margate branch of the W.V.S. undertook the work of converting surplus fruit into jam but difficulty was experienced in finding helpers who could make jam.

An appeal was made to Acol and District Women's Institute and they readily agreed to take over the operation of the Margate centre at King Ethelbert Central School.

The members meet at the centre every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and during the first week the scheme was in operation nearly 500 lbs. of gooseberry jam was made.

At Minster, where the scheme came into operation last week 176 lbs. of gooseberry and rhubarb and gooseberry jam was made at the old Methodist Chapel which is now open to receive more fruit.

At Monkton about 90 lbs. of gooseberry jam was made last week and strawberry jam is being made this week.

HONORARIUM FOR RESTAURANT CASHIER

In recognition of his services, Broadstairs Council have decided to pay an honorarium of £9 per month as from 1st July to Mr. A. G. Mason, who has been acting as cashier at Pierremont Restaurant in a voluntary capacity since the opening of the restaurant.

The Council have also acknowledged the valuable assistance which is given at the restaurant in a voluntary capacity by Mr. J. E. Brunger, Mr. H. C. Lee and Mr. W. C. Sizer, who assist Mr. Mason on two days each week.

NO QUORUM

A meeting of Broadstairs Rating and Valuation Committee was due to be held on 13th June but only Councillors H. Noble, chairman, and S. W. Fright attended.

As an attendance of three is necessary to form a quorum a report presented to the Council on Monday stated that "no business was transacted."

SHOWING AT THE ODEON
Tel. 1081 RAMSGATE Tel. 1081
TO-DAY and TO-MORROW
GEORGE FORMBY
DOROTHY HYSON
in
SPARE A COPPER
Showing at 3.16, 5.50, 8.24 (U)
— Also —
James Newill, Louise Stanley
in
YUKON FLIGHT
Showing at 2.3, 4.37, 7.11 (U)
THURSDAY, July 10th—For 3 Days
WILL HAY
CLAUDE HULBERT
in
THE GHOST OF ST. MICHAEL'S
Showing at 3.18, 5.58, 8.38
— Also —
Richard Arlen, Andy Devine
in
BLACK DIAMONDS
Showing at 2.3, 4.43, 7.23 (A)

KING'S THEATRE
Phone] Balexcro Theatres Ltd. [524
Mats. Daily 2 p.m. Cont. from 6 p.m.
Sundays 7 p.m.
To-day and To-morrow
CAROLE LOMBARD and
ROBERT MONTGOMERY in
MR. & MRS. SMITH
With Gene Raymond (A)
Showing at approx. 3.15, 6.0, 8.45
Also Lee Tracey and Linda Hayes in
MILLIONAIRES IN PRISON
Showing at approx. 2.0, 7.40 (A)
THURS., FRI., SAT.
BORIS KARLOFF in
BEFORE I HANG
With Evelyn Keyes and Bruce Bennett
Showing at approx. 3.20, 6.20, 8.50 (A)
Also Anita Louise and Roger Pryor in
GLAMOUR FOR SALE
Showing at approx. 2.15, 7.25 (A)

PROMPT AND COOL

A.R.P. COMMITTEE PRAISE FIRE-WATCHERS

A tribute to some of Ramsgate's street fire-watchers is paid in the report of the A.R.P. Committee presented for confirmation at a meeting of the Town Council on Thursday.

In connection with an incendiary bomb raid on the town the report stated:

"The Borough Engineer explained that on this occasion fire-watching parties in the business areas in the town had acted with promptitude and coolness thereby avoiding a large number of fires.

"The committee desire to record their appreciation of the work carried out by all persons who assisted on this occasion."

MODEL CHURCH ON VIEW

A large-scale model of St. George's Church, cleverly constructed by the Vicar, Councillor the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, assisted by Miss M. Sharpe and Miss J. Poulden, was the subject of admiring attention at the garden party held at the Vicarage, Grove-road, Ramsgate, on Thursday evening.

The artistic effect of the neat workmanship—accurate down to such details as the sand-bags outside the entrance to the crypt—was heightened by the exquisite "stained glass" windows painted by Miss Sharpe, who had included portraits of all the Vicars of St. George's and a representation of St. George and the borough arms which surmounted the western doorway. On payment of a small fee visitors to the fete were given the privilege of "unveiling" the stained glass windows or portions of them.

This week the model church will be on view at Winter's, King-street, Ramsgate, where the stained glass windows will be effectively illuminated each time a penny is inserted in the slot machine.

A more detail report of the fete, which was opened by Lady Carson, appears under a separate heading.

FUNERAL OF MRS. H. A. POOLE

Wife of Mr. H. A. Poole, who prior to his retirement was well-known throughout Thanet as superintendent of an insurance company, Mrs. Abigail Naomi Poole, formerly of Westbrook-avenue, Margate, who died aged 74 years, at Strabane, Northern Ireland, was buried at Margate last week.

Mrs. Poole, who went to Northern Ireland with her husband just over a year ago, leaves one son and one daughter.

A service conducted at St. John's Church by the Vicar, the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, preceded interment at the cemetery.

The mourners were Mr. H. A. Poole (widower) and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. A. Poole (son and daughter-in-law).

Floral tributes included: Dadda; Maureen (grandchild); Nina and son-in-law, Walter Rogers (Belfast); Wilfrid and Mabel (son and daughter-in-law); Naomi Rogers (grand-child); John and May Rogers (Strabane); Rose and Connie (St. Nicholas-at-Wade); Mr. D. T. Evans; Mr. and Mrs. Inch; Mrs. A. Reynolds and Agnes; Mrs. Mabley and family; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dexter and family (Staines); Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tillcock.

MINSTER COUNCIL CLERK

Previously a member of Minster Parish Council, Mr. R. C. Young, who has been acting as Clerk for the past 12 months without salary, has now been appointed Clerk at a salary of £75 for the next two years, and £50 a year at the expiration of that period.

At a meeting of the Council on Tuesday tribute was paid to the excellent manner in which Mr. Young had carried out the duties and it was explained that it had not been possible to pay a salary until the statutory period since he ceased to be a member of the Council had elapsed.

Mr. Young thanked the Council for the generous manner in which they had treated him.

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S BONUS

An application submitted from part-time unpaid volunteer firemen asking that they may now receive the bonus of £1 for which they have qualified has been granted by Ramsgate Watch Committee.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Births and Deaths.—In May the births were registered at Ramsgate of four boys and four girls. The deaths were registered during the month of six males and nine females.

No Nurseries Needed.—In view of the area in which Ramsgate is situated the Town Council have decided that the establishment of war-time nurseries for the care of children under five years of age is unnecessary.

Things we are wanting to buy—Old Gold, Silver and Jewellery, Prism and Field glasses and we are willing to pay a good price—Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Cultivation Offer.—As, owing to depleted staff, great difficulty would be experienced in cultivating land at Pysons-road, Northwood, offered to Ramsgate Corporation, an offer to rent it privately has been accepted by the owner.

Bowls Charges.—Purely as a war-time measure new bowling green charges fixed by Ramsgate Corporation are: first half of season, to 15th July, 15s.; second half, 10s.; monthly ticket, 7s. 6d.; casual play per hour, 4d. per player.

In the Running.—Mr. Rob Jones, a Ramsgate linotype operator, now serving with the R.A.F., recently won a silver cup in an 880 yards race at an inter-services sports meeting. He achieved distinction as a runner while at Chatham House School and was contemporary with D. B. Pell.

Engineer's Examination Success.—Formerly an articled pupil and now temporary engineering assistant in the Ramsgate Borough Engineer's Department, Mr. P. Cubison has passed the Inter Testamur examination of the Institute of M. & Cy.E. and has been appointed junior engineering assistant at a commencing salary of £200 a year.

Maintenance Arrears.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday adjourned for a week the case in which Cecil Maurice Cayzer, of Sidcup, was summoned for being £46 19s. in arrears under a maintenance order in favour of his wife and two children. It was stated that the arrears now amounted to £53 9s. An adjournment for five weeks was made in the case of Walter Charles Bootes, of Princes-avenue, Ramsgate, whose arrears under a similar order were stated to be £8 19s. 6d.

BROADSTAIRS

Will.—The late Miss Close, of Lloyd-road, Broadstairs, left £7,088.

Allotments Chairman.—Councillor A. A. Nobbs has been appointed chairman of Broadstairs Council Allotments Committee.

Harbour Master's Wages.—The wages of Broadstairs Acting Harbour Master (Mr. A. Newing) have been increased to £3 10s. a week.

A.T.C. Representative.—Councillor J. A. Forde has been appointed as additional representative from Broadstairs on the joint committee of No. 438 (Thanet) Squadron, A.T.C.

Gone to Ware.—Mr. E. B. Cullin, senior engineering assistant in Broadstairs Council Surveyors' department has taken up a new post under the Ware Urban District Council.

Fire Prevention Report.—A report in regard to "various fire prevention matters" at Broadstairs has been approved by the Council for submission to the Regional Commissioner.

Parcels for Prisoners.—The support being accorded at Broadstairs to the British Red Cross Prisoners of War Parcels Fund is increasing, and last month the sum of £15 was subscribed.

Library Committee Appointment.—Subject to her consent Mrs. Watts, wife of Dr. A. M. Watts, Medical Officer to Broadstairs Council, has been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Library Committee of Broadstairs Council.

Legal Costs.—Broadstairs Council have agreed to pay £62 9s. 5d. legal costs incurred in connection with the East Dumpton by-pass scheme prior to 20th May, 1936, and have submitted a claim to the County Council for payment of the balance of £27 0s. 3d.

R.N.O.C.A. Whist.—Prizes at the whist drive held by Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association last week were presented by Mrs. Pallant to Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Allen, Mr. Beadle and Mr. Kenny. Shipmate Thirkettle was M.C.

Meals for Helpers.—Broadstairs Council have decided that free meals shall be made available at the Pierremont Restaurant for those members of the W.V.S. who assist at the Restaurant and may be desirous of taking advantage of the facility.

Whist for Wool.—Organised by Broadstairs and St. Peter's centre of the W.V.S., a whist drive in aid of Mrs. Pearson's Wool Fund was held at headquarters on Wednesday. Mrs. Holden was M.C. and the prizewinners were Mrs. Riddals, Mrs. Hewlett, Mrs. Weir, and Mrs. Spillman. A competition was won by Mrs. Bullard.

Buffs' Chairman.—Recording, in its current issue the death of Mr. W. H. Sandom, of Ramsgate, "The Dragon," regimental journal of The Buffs, states that he attained the rank of Colour-Sergeant in the days of the 1st Volunteer Battalion and was chairman of the Ramsgate branch of the Past and Present Association from 1933 to 1937.

Clerk's Appointment.—Following the resignation of Mr. E. J. Clifton, Second General Clerk in the Clerk's Department of Broadstairs Council, who has obtained an appointment with the Kent County Council, Miss E. Williams has been appointed to the post at a salary of £143 per annum, rising by two annual increments of £10 and one of £12 to £175 per annum.

Allotment Holders Must Pay Up.—In future when any tenant of a Broadstairs Council allotment garden is 40 days in arrear with payment of the rent he will be served with a notice determining his tenancy. There are still some uncultivated allotments in the town. The Council have offered to supply water to the war-time allotments at Cumberland-avenue and Vale-road if the cultivators are prepared to contribute 2s. each towards the cost and pay the usual water charges.

Templars' Letters.—Several visitors from Ramsgate and Margate were welcomed by Miss O. Ware, C.T., at the meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., at Broadstairs, on Tuesday. Absent members from whom letters were read by Mr. A. B. Impett included Gnr. R. Whiteley, the Rev. P. W. James, Mr. M. D. Faulkner and Mr. T. E. Martin. Mr. Bayford gave an address full of encouragement, and Miss B. Whiteley, Lodge Chaplain, conducted an intercession service.

MARGATE

On the Strength.—Probationer P/C E. Webber has been appointed to the permanent strength of Margate police force.

Social Service.—Alderman W. C. Redman has again been nominated as representative of Margate Town Council on the Kent Council of Social Service.

Light Screens.—The existing light screens on police boxes and telephone pillars at Margate are to be replaced with the G.P.O. special pattern screens at an estimated cost of £36.

From Borough to County.—Mr. W. S. Boon, general assistant on the staff of the Margate Borough Treasurer, has secured an appointment in the Finance department of Gloucestershire County Council.

Smart War Reservist.—The Chief Constable has reported to Margate Watch Committee that War Reserve Constable W. Baldock has been commended by the borough justices for smartness and attention to duty in effecting the arrest of a man for offences under the Defence Regulations.

AFLOAT THREE DAYS

POLISH PILOT SAVED

Two Polish sergeant-pilots met in a south-east coast hospital on Saturday under remarkable circumstances.

One had been rescued, after being afloat for three days in his rubber dinghy in the Channel, by a rescue boat which had put to sea to look for the other, who had just baled out.

The pilot who had been floating in the Channel for three days brought his damaged Spitfire down in the sea on Wednesday after taking part in one of the offensive sweeps over France. The comrade whom he met in hospital had seen him come down and had unsuccessfully tried to guide rescue boats to the spot. Three days later the second pilot's misfortune proved to be the salvation of his fellow countryman. He came down near the floating dinghy and both were rescued.

"After I had climbed into my dinghy on Wednesday I paddled with my hands towards the English coast till I was exhausted," said the "shipwrecked" Pole in hospital. "All Thursday and Friday I tried in vain to signal to planes. I saw the English coast on Friday night but when I woke to-day it had vanished again."

He had been over Lille on Wednesday, when he landed in the water; his colleague was on the way back from Lille on Saturday when he baled out and came down in the sea not far from his comrade.

The rubber dinghies which saved their lives were the new type which all fighter pilots now carry in their parachute packs.

SEVERAL MATTERS

RAISED BY BROADSTAIRS A.F.S.

The Broadstairs branch of the A.F.S. section of the Fire Brigades Union has been recognised by the Council as "a body which is permitted, as regards matters of local concern, to make representations on behalf of any member of the A.F.S. to the Chief Officer of the brigade and, if the matter is not satisfactorily settled, to the Council."

When the Fire Brigade Committee passed the above resolution they also directed the Chief Officer, Mr. A. Bates, to inform the organising secretary of the union that the Council are of opinion that "the several matters" raised by the local branch which were the subject of a memorandum submitted to the committee were matters which should in the first place have been taken up by the union with the Chief Officer.

MINSTER.

Damaged Playground.—Minster Council have asked the military authorities to make good damage in the recreation ground.

Jam Makers.—Minster's co-operative fruit preservation scheme is well under way and at the first meeting at the old Methodist Chapel 176 lbs. of gooseberry jam was made.

Churchyard Metal.—When Minster Parish Council were asked on Tuesday to make a special collection of scrap metal, Councillor the Rev. A. W. MacMichael suggested that it might be possible to arrange for the removal of the iron railings round old graves in the churchyard. The suggestion was referred to the Parochial Church Council.

Farmer's Death.—The funeral took place at St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe on Tuesday, of Mr. Henry Woodland, of St. Augustine's, Augustine-road, Minster, who died following an operation at Margate Hospital, aged 95 years. Mr. Woodland, who had lived at Minster for only seven months, was chairman of Dover Rural District Council during the last war and had farmed at Lydden Court, Lydden, near Dover, from 1889 until he retired in 1916.

Passing of Prioress.—Recording the death at Teignmouth of Dame Hiltrude, O.S.B., the Prioress of Minster, the "Thanet Catholic Review" states: "We little thought when the Minster community evacuated last summer that their Superior, then so busy and active, would be dead within a year. Dame Hiltrude herself, however, seems to have had some premonition of her approaching end, for almost her last words to Father Abbot before she left Thanet were that she would never see Minster again. Dame Hiltrude's short superiorship was for her a period of almost unrelieved anxiety and trial, culminating in a prolonged and most painful malady and a death in exile. We extend our sincere sympathy to her nuns, orphaned a second time within little more than two years. Let them take comfort from the fact that they now have two former prioresses interceding for them in heaven, both of whom have proved their intense interest in the welfare of Minster."

BROADSTAIRS SUMMER SAVINGS

The formation of several new groups was reported at a meeting of the Broadstairs National Savings Summer Campaign Committee, presided over by Councillor H. Noble, at Pierremont Hall, on Friday.

Mr. F. Ward reported that the wardens' savings group had been revived and groups had been formed in connection with the first-aid parties and the report and control centre.

THE LIGHT WAS OFF

"I was just chancing it," said George Henry Dubbin, aged 35, shop manager, of Wardour-close, Broadstairs, when stopped by a police officer while riding a cycle without lights in Hereson-road, Ramsgate, on the night of 27th June.

At Ramsgate police court on Monday Inspr. Noakes said Dubbin told him he was walking back to Broadstairs when he suddenly thought he might have left the shop lights on. He borrowed a cycle to go back and see and was cycling home at 12.20 a.m. when stopped.

Defendant was fined 10s.

HOME GUARD DARTS

No. 15 Platoon, victorious in a recent darts match between the local units of the Ramsgate Home Guard, visited Monkton on Saturday and were unexpectedly defeated by five games to one.

The match was arranged by Sergt. Nichols, of Ramsgate, but Corpl. Scott, of the Monkton Home Guard, took charge of the proceedings and was congratulated upon the way he led his men to victory as well as upon the manner in which he made the Ramsgate men feel at home. Capt. Wale, commander of the Ramsgate company, paid a visit during the match, which was followed by a concert.

A return match has been fixed for this week-end.

SURPLUS FRUIT WANTED

Ramsgate Food Control Committee urgently need fruit for the purpose of jam making—and are prepared to pay for it. Arrangements can be made for picking.

Fruit should be taken to the Gas Showrooms, High-street, on Mondays and Wednesdays between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

200 SHOPS CLOSED

BUT THE REST RESIST TEMPTATION

Of three hundred shops in Broadstairs and St. Peter's, approximately two hundred are closed owing to evacuation, states the annual report of the Shops Act Inspector, Mr. F. S. Burrow.

Under the heading "offences," Mr. Burrow reports:

"The reduction in population caused by evacuation, the black-out regulations during winter months and various other war-time difficulties of shop-keepers in this district have, for the time being, reduced to a minimum the temptation to commit infringements of Shops Act legislation.

"No offences have been observed and no complaints have been received during the period under review, 1st April, 1940—31st March, 1941."

Nevertheless during the year Mr. Burrow made 121 inspections and visits, held 122 interviews and conducted 28 general surveys of closing hours and Sundays.

The improvements for staff effected during the year consisted of heating facilities provided at one shop and washing facilities at two shops.

COUNCIL TOMATOES

ARRANGING FOR SALE AT BROADSTAIRS

The tomatoes which have been grown in Broadstairs Council's greenhouses in Pierremont Pleasure Ground are—or soon will be—ready for consumption.

They are to be offered for sale to the Pierremont Restaurant and to local retailers at prices to be fixed from time to time by Councillor J. A. Forde, chairman of the Pleasure Grounds Committee.

If Councillor Forde deems it expedient to fix lower prices than the maximum, he is to stipulate that the retailer shall pass on the benefit of the reduced prices to the consumer.

In the event of it being impossible to dispose of all the available tomatoes to the restaurant and local retail fruiterers, the Surveyor (Mr. S. W. Richardson) has been authorised to sell those remaining at similar prices to local residents.

DEATH OF MRS. M. E. BRIMLEY

Following a short illness, the death occurred at The White Lodge, Margate-road, Ramsgate, on Saturday, of Mrs. Maud Elizabeth Brimley.

Mrs. Brimley, who was 54 years of age, was the widow of the late Mr. Robert Edmund Brimley, who for many years carried on business as a dairyman in Queen-street, Ramsgate. Her home was at 47, Hereson-road, Ramsgate, and she was taken ill while on a visit to a daughter.

She leaves a son and two daughters to whom the sympathy of their many friends will be extended.

The funeral takes place this afternoon at Ramsgate Cemetery where Mrs. Brimley will be laid to rest beside her husband and daughter Lena.

COUNCIL HOUSE RENTS REDUCED

Subject to the Minister of Health raising no objection, Broadstairs Council have decided to reduce the rents of the Council houses in Norman-road from 13s. 1d. to 11s. per week inclusive.

The reduction will be subject to review at the end of the current financial year.

OPTIMISTIC PRISONER

In a cheerful letter to his wife, who lives at Byron-avenue, Margate, L/Corpl. H. W. Savage, of The Buffs, a prisoner of war at Stalag XXI B, says he does not think the war will last much longer, and has no doubt who will win.

"It looks as if we shall be here another winter," he humorously adds, "so will you kindly send my best fur coat and pack of hounds so that I can get on with some hunting?"

A PRISONER IN ITALY

A native of Broadstairs, where he was educated at Alexander House School, Sglmn. John Pierce, R.C.S., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Pierce, of Cuthbert-road, Westgate, who was reported missing on 8th April, has written home to say that he is a prisoner of war in Italy but is safe and well.

Twenty-one years of age, Sglmn. Pierce was a popular member of Westgate C.C. and Birchington Rugby Club. Before joining the Army he was employed as a bank clerk.

INDOOR SHELTERS

Since intimation was received that indoor shelters of the "Morrison" type will not be available for Ramsgate, the Borough Engineer has reported to the A.R.P. Committee that he has obtained particulars of an approved type of indoor shelter constructed in wood, estimated to cost about £7 each.

The committee have decided to make application for approval for grant purposes to the construction of 150 such shelters and subject to the approval being received the Engineer has been instructed to make and fix the shelters.

NO LUNCHES FOR DOGS

Broadstairs British Restaurants Committee have decided that dogs must not be taken inside by customers using the Pierremont Restaurant.

WOUNDED BUFFS

Temporary Captain E. Barry, M.B.E., Ptes. G. V. Mellor and F. H. Walker, of The Buffs, are officially reported to have been wounded.

BUFFS CASUALTIES

A War Office casualty list reports the death of L/Corpl. G. I. Osborne and Pte. T. Crichton, of The Buffs.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day ...	11.3 p.m.	—5.8 a.m.
Wednesday	11.2 p.m.	—5.9 a.m.
Thursday ..	11.1 p.m.	—5.10 a.m.
Friday ...	11.0 p.m.	—5.11 a.m.
Saturday ...	10.59 p.m.	—5.12 a.m.
Sunday ...	10.58 p.m.	—5.13 a.m.
Monday ...	10.57 p.m.	—5.14 a.m.

22 YEARS FIRE SERVICE

BROADSTAIRS OFFICER RETIRES

After 22 years' service with Broadstairs Fire Brigade, 2nd Officer W. F. Bayford has resigned.

As an appreciation of his services the Council have decided, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Health, to make him a gratuity of £1 for each year of service and have asked him to accept the position of honorary member of the brigade.

Mr. Bayford was present at the monthly meeting of the Council on Monday, when the chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) paid a tribute to his services.

Councillor Pearson said Mr. Bayford joined the brigade some 22 years previously and was appointed second officer six years ago. Throughout that time he had never had an adverse report and that in itself was a fine tribute to his work. He had carried out his duties efficiently and conscientiously and the Chief Officer had described him as one of the best men who had ever served Broadstairs and St. Peter's Fire Brigade. The Chief Officer was extremely sorry to lose him.

On behalf of the Council and the Fire Brigade Committee the chairman wished Mr. Bayford many years during which he could look back on his happy associations with the brigade.

THE FIRST ONE CAUGHT

CYCLING IN PASSAGES

The growing local tendency towards cycling in passages reserved for pedestrians was emphasised at Ramsgate police court on Monday, when James Price, aged 17, of Grange-road, a clerk employed by the Public Assistance authority, was summoned for cycling in Tomson's passage on 28th June.

W/R Southern said he saw defendant cycling in the section of the passage between Ellington-road and North-avenue. Defendant said he was in the wrong but he was a bit late.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said many complaints were received of people cycling in passages. As a result the officer was put there to catch the first person who came along and Price happened to be the first person.

Announcing a fine of five shillings the chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said he saw an old lady knocked down in the passage by a cyclist.

£14,000 WILL

BEQUESTS TO MARGATE

Margate charities benefit under the will of the late Miss Clara Maude Staner, of Lamas, near Norwich, who left estate to the value of £14,168 (net personalty £13,461).

Miss Staner bequeathed £2,000 to Margate Parish Church and £500 to the Alexandra Homes. After other bequests the remainder of the estate is left to Margate Hospital.

Miss Staner, who was killed in an air raid last October, at the age of 75, was a niece of the late Mr. George Staner, Margate autioneer and estate agent, and the late Miss L. M. Staner, who lived in Grosvenor-place for many years after her brother's death. They were active supporters of the parish church.

KENT CRICKET CAPTAIN'S D.F.C.

Captain of the Kent Cricket XI up to the outbreak of war, Pilot Officer Frederick Gerald Hudson Chalk, R.A.F.V.R., No. 218 Squadron, has been awarded the D.F.C.

Born at Sydenham in 1911, he was a gunner in the H.A.C. before being commissioned in the R.A.F.V.R. in June, 1940.

Pilot Officer Chalk has shown high courage and devotion to duty. One night in June while returning from an attack on Hanover, his aircraft was attacked over the Amsterdam area by a Messerschmitt 110 which pressed home two attacks from close range. In the face of heavy cannon and gun fire, Pilot Officer Chalk, who was the rear gunner, fired two steady bursts which were observed to enter the enemy aircraft, causing it to break away with flames coming from the starboard side. P/O Chalk undoubtedly saved his aircraft and probably destroyed the attacker. Since February he has taken part in many other operational missions.

COUNCIL'S OWN CINEMA

Following the success of the visit to the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion of a Ministry of Information Mobile Film Unit, Councillor B. J. Pearson, chairman of Broadstairs Council, suggested to his colleagues that it might be worth while to purchase a film projector for use in the display of films regarding matters of interest to the general public and of training films for civil defence purposes.

The Council decided to explore the possibilities and obtain particulars of the cost.

SERVED IN ARMY AND NAVY

The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on 28th June of Mr. Herbert George McKendrick, of Chilton-lane, who died following an operation at Ramsgate General Hospital.

Mr. McKendrick, who was 64 years of age, served with the British Army during the Boer War and from 1914 to 1918 served with the Royal Navy.

He leaves a widow and one son, who is serving with the forces.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. C. P. Cowland Cooper and floral tributes were received from Wife and son; Sister Flo and Bert; Bertha, George and Hilda; Wal, Flo and family; Hilda, Bert and family; George, Margaret and family; Mr. and Mrs. Denne and family; Alf and Nell; Mrs. Davis and the Misses A. and C. Routley; Mr. and Mrs. Aparicio; Mrs. West; a Friend; Mr. and Mrs. Pettit; Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson and Dennis; Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliff; Mr. and Mrs. Chidwick; Mr. and Mrs. Fellows; and Mrs. Solly and Mrs. Simons.

CYCLING CLUB BOWLS MATCH

The annual bowls match between teams representing the President (Mr. P. R. Derry) and the Vice-president (Mr. L. Rengert) of Ramsgate Cycling and Motoring Club took place at the St. Lawrence Cliffs green on Tuesday.

Thanks to an exceptionally big margin on one of the three rinks the Vice-president's team won by 70 shots to 58.

President's Team

Ellis, Wetherill, Stonar, T. W. Mockridge ...	27
Futter, W. R. Mockridge, Bushell ...	29
Clarke, Derry, Brown ...	2

Vice-President's Team

Fleming, Mummery, Harman, Sharman ...	13
Hughes, Rengert, Archer ...	18
Murray, Young, Mitchell ...	39

MORE WOMEN REGISTER

Women born in 1917 registered for national service on 28th June.

At Ramsgate the number of women registering was 126 and at Margate 68.

HOUSEBREAKER SENTENCED

RECORDER'S REGRET

Although the Probation Officer pleaded for him to be put on probation, Charles Cecil Maxted, 38, of Beacon-road, St. Peter's, was sentenced at Margate Quarter Sessions on Friday to 12 months' hard labour.

"I have to consider the effect on a man who is minded to commit similar offences," said the Recorder, Mr. R. A. Gordon, K.C., after hearing the record of Maxted's previous offences.

Maxted pleaded guilty to breaking and entering Callis Cottage, Grange-road, Broadstairs, between 24th and 28th October, 1940, and stealing provisions, a bottle of whisky, a small bottle of rum and household articles, together valued at £13 10s., the property of Henry Daniell, and two pairs of ear-rings, a watch and brooch, valued at £2 19s., belonging to Sarah Jane Daniell.

He also admitted breaking and entering Lynmouth, St. Peter's Park-road, Broadstairs, and stealing a silver watch and medallion, valued at £1 6s., the property of Mrs. Florence May Keevil, between August, 1939, and 14th May, 1941.

Maxted asked the Recorder to take into consideration a third offence of breaking and entering Rimpton Cottage, Grange-road, Broadstairs, between 20th May and 28th October, 1940, and stealing a telescope, gold watch, two brooches, and a silver watch, together valued at £12 17s. 6d., the property of Helen Blanch Hawtrey.

Mr. A. L. Stevenson, who prosecuted, said Mr. and Mrs. Daniell evacuated from their house in April 1940 and left a gardener in charge. On 28th October the gardener found the back door had been pushed open, and there were signs that a lever had been used on it.

On 9th April, 1941, D/C Self, of the K.C.C., stationed at Broadstairs, went to a house in Beacon-road, St. Peter's, where accused once lived, and dug in the garden.

"He seemed to know where to dig" remarked counsel, "because under a bed of violets he found an attache case. When the case was opened it was found to contain some jewellery and ammunition."

The Recorder: What kind of ammunition was it?

Counsel: Four point five revolver ammunition. There is reason to believe it did not come from this house, but from the house which is the subject of the second charge.

Made a Clean Breast of It.

Counsel added on 14th May D/C Self interviewed Maxted, who said he wanted to make a clean breast of everything. He accompanied the officer to other premises, into which he had broken. One of them was Lynmouth, from which he stole a watch and a medallion, which were found in the attache case.

Mr. Stevenson said no accurate date could be given of when Mrs. Keevil's house was entered, but according to accused's statement it was about January, 1941. Mrs. Keevil could not identify the ammunition, but it probably belonged to her son, who was serving abroad.

D/C Self said there were ten previous convictions recorded against Maxted. In September, 1915, Margate magistrates ordered him to receive two sets of six strokes with the birch for housebreaking and larceny, and in the following month they sent him to a reformatory school for five years for warehouse-breaking. In September, 1921, a case at Margate of stealing a handbag was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act. At Kent Assizes in June, 1924, he was sentenced to two months and two months hard labour, to run concurrently, for office-breaking and indecent assault; at Margate Quarter Sessions in June, 1925, he received six months hard labour for housebreaking and larceny; at Dover Quarter Sessions in April, 1930, he received four months hard labour for housebreaking; and at the same court in April, 1931, he was sentenced to nine months hard labour for housebreaking and larceny. In September, 1934, he appeared at Margate for common assault and was bound over for 12 months. At Sandwich Quarter Sessions in April, 1939, he received three sentences of eight months hard labour each to run concurrently for shopbreaking and two cases of housebreaking. He was released from prison in September, 1939.

Obtained Divorce Decree.

D/C Self added that Maxted attended an elementary school. Since he left the reformatory school in 1919 he had had many and various jobs, accompanied by periods of unemployment. Latterly he had been a labourer on coastal defence work. He was married, but a short time ago obtained a decree nisi against his wife in the Divorce Court.

Since 1932 he had been living with a single woman, by whom he had four children, aged seven, six, four-and-a-half and eighteen months. Maxted and the woman seemed devoted to the children, and had built up a very nice home.

From November, 1932, accused was employed by Margate Corporation as a labourer and painter and gave every satisfaction. He moved to Ramsgate in 1938 and did painting on his own account. Following his arrest in February, 1939, he moved to Broadstairs. He had a long period of unemployment upon his release from prison in September, 1939, and since January, 1940, had had periods of employment with contractors as a labourer on defence work. He had been described as an excellent workman, and one firm kept him on while others were stood off. He was then earning about £4 a week.

"Just before he was arrested" added D/C Self, "he went to London for the divorce proceedings. He tells me he hopes to marry the woman with whom he is living when the decree is made absolute. He has looked after the woman and children very well, considering the circumstances."

Left the Home Guard.

Witness mentioned that accused was in the Home Guard for a short period, leaving because he could not do the hard work on coastal defences and then go out on duty at night.

The Recorder: Did he give you any information before you dug the case up?

Witness: No, sir. I had not approached him.

The Recorder: Was it a brilliant idea of yours to dig in the garden, or did something lead you to it?

Witness: I don't think it was anything brilliant. It was just trying to clear up undetected crime. I had suspected Maxted for a long time.

Maxted said he was unemployed from September to December, 1940, when the first offence was committed.

D/C Self agreed that there were no convictions against accused for the eight years from 1931 to 1939, except one for common assault, which, he understood, was a domestic matter.

Mr. A. E. Bray, the probation officer, said he had known accused for four years, having come into contact with him by having his son under supervision.

The Recorder: In your written report you suggest it is a case for probation.

Birched at Age of Twelve.

Mr. Bray: I most respectfully suggest that probation is the only system not tried with this man. He was birched at the age of 12, has been to a reformatory and has had imprisonment. Conditions have changed in his domestic life recently, and having regard to the fact that he has been employed more regularly than before, I am inclined to think that if he is given a chance, and I am prepared to assist him, you will never see him before you again. I should like to have the opportunity of exercising my supervision over him.

The Recorder: It is a difficult case to consider for probation.

Mr. Bray: I don't think I shall have much backing from anyone in this court in putting this suggestion to you, and it will be left to the prisoner, if given the opportunity, to say whether he is prepared to back me up.

The Recorder: He was sent to prison at Sandwich more or less recently.

Mr. Bray: I did not have an opportunity of speaking for him there.

"If I only had your future to take into consideration," said the Recorder, passing sentence, "I might have been able to comply with the desires of Mr. Bray, the probation officer, and place you on probation. But I have other things to take into consideration. One is the effect of placing on probation a man like you, who has committed offences before, on a man who is minded to commit similar offences in Broadstairs or elsewhere of robbing houses belonging to people who have had to leave. I think it is highly probable that the person would say 'I want to steal something from one of those houses. I'll risk being found out. If I am found out I will express regret and it is quite possible I shall be placed on probation.'

"I don't think probation is the right treatment for a man who has broken into three store-houses at different times. It is not a question of a man who was a thief having repented and then suddenly gone back. I cannot place you on probation. I regret it, but it would not be right for me to do so. I hope, when you have served your sentence, you will get into touch with Mr. Bray, who is your true friend, and follow his advice."

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MR. HOWARD EVANS

HEADMASTER'S SUDDEN DEATH

Formerly headmaster of Port Regis, the well-known preparatory school at Broadstairs, Mr. Howard Evans has died suddenly aged 44 years.

Headmaster of Betteshanger School, which has been removed owing to the war to Chipping Sodbury, Mr. Howard Evans, who had faced ill-health with great courage, continued at work until within a few minutes of his sudden death.

Adopting music as his profession, he was for some years music master at Orley Farm School, Harrow, before he became headmaster of Port Regis, where he achieved a rapid success. Later, with the help of Lord Northbourne, he established a new school at Betteshanger, near Eastry, where the numbers rose from five to 70 in five years.

Although his success was due to a combination of many qualities he made a special feature of meeting the needs of the average child by scientific physical training and width of curriculum. His boys gave demonstrations of basic physical training not only at several public schools in England but also in America and they reached a high standard in art, in which they were coached by Miss Elsie Barling, of Broadstairs, and music.

Bringing many fresh and stimulating ideas to the development of education, Mr. Howard Evans was a member of numerous committees, including the Parents' Association.

DANCING IN PRISON CAMP

In his spare time Pte. Walter Chamberlain, The Buffs, of Bradstow-way, Broadstairs, a popular local banjoist, who is a prisoner of war in Germany, has made himself a banjo, three guitars, a mandoline and a string bass instrument out of odd pieces of wood.

"Now we have a band of seven players and give dances and concerts," he writes in a letter home. "Dancing is our main exercise but the only snag is we have to take turns at being the 'lady'."

£40,000 OVERDRAWN

The Borough Treasurer, Mr. H. Oliver Jones, has reported to the Finance Committee of Ramsgate Council, that the net balance overdrawn at the bank is £40,668.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

MARRIAGES

Blakeney—May.—28th June, at St. John's Church, Margate, Horace Verdun Blakeney to Phyllis Irene May, both of Margate.

Bushell—Goldsmith.—28th June, at the Methodist Chapel, Garlinge, by the Rev. W. T. Sharpley, Sergt. B. J. Bushell, The Buffs, of Woodchurch, to Mary Goldsmith, of Margate.

Collison—Jones.—28th June, Eric Leopold Collison (Armourer, R.A.F.) to Laura Jones, both of Margate.

DEATHS

Horn.—30th June, Matilda Maria Horn, of 70 Sweyn-road, Cliftonville, Margate, aged 79 years.

Harrison.—30th June, at 17 Morley-road, Blackpool, after much suffering, Joshua (Jack), beloved husband of Mary Harrison (née Nettleton), formerly of Underlea, Bellevue-road, Ramsgate, aged 57 years.

Poole.—24th June, at Strabane, Abigail Naomi Poole, late of Westbrook-avenue, Margate.

IN MEMORIAM

Gilham.—In loving memory of our dearest mother, Annie Isobel Gilham, who passed away 2nd July, 1940, after much suffering.—Ever present in the thoughts of Beatie and Hilda.

For all of us she did her best,
God grant her now eternal rest.
God takes our dear ones from our homes
But never from our hearts.

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